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It is impossible to announce with precision all that the WEEKLY will contain during the year 1897. It were as easy to announce what is about to happen in the world, what triumphs for good government are to be won, what advances of the people are to be made, what is to be the outcome of the continuous struggle between the spirit of the war and peace, what is to happen in the far East, what is to be the state of Europe twelve months hence, what new marvels of science are to be revealed, or what are to be the achievements of arts and letters, for the WEEKLY is to be a pictorial record of all this.

Cartoons will continue to be a feature.

Serial Stories. A New England story by Miss Mary E. Wilkins, will begin in January. A tale of a Greek uprising against the Turks, by Mr. E. F. Benson, the author of "Dodo," will follow. A sequel to "The House-Boat on the Styx," by Mr. John Kendrick Bangs, illustrated by Mr. Peter Newell.

More Short Stories will appear in the WEEKLY than it has been possible to publish during 1896.

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The serials for 1897 will be: The Red Bridge Neighborhood, by Maria Louise Pool; and Father Quinnahon, by Octava Thanet. Short stories will be constantly presented by brilliant writers, among whom are Mary E. Wilkins, Harriet Prescott Spofford, Marion Harland, Ruth McEnery Stuart, Viola Roseboro, and Margaret Sutton Briscoe.

What Woman are Doing in various parts of the Union will form a series of special interest.

Other interesting features are *The Out Door Woman*, devoted to healthful sports and pastimes; *Music*, a weekly critical summary of music in New York; *Amateur Theatricals*, *Embroidery and Needlework*, *Ceremony and Etiquette*, *Good Housekeeping*, "What Girls are Doing," "*Current Social Events*," and *Personals* gleaned from original sources.

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WHAT THE EDITORS SAY

Republicans Must Unite.

PUT HER THERE BOB, OLD BOY, A TRAITOR.

BETRAYAL NO. 2.
"He that is false with one
Can be the same with two."

Less than two years ago, Robert J Hanby, holding the office of a State Senator from New Castle county, and claiming to be a Republican, traitorously conspired with several other persons, among them both political associates and enemies, against the Republican party. He did so that John Edward Addicks, his accredited master, might have the revenge of depriving any other of a place he claimed to have bought, but which he could not secure. Such an action by Senator Hanby made him famous with Mr. Addicks and kindred spirits, and infamous in the sight of other people. The county committee of which he was a member expelled him, but this made him a hero with Addicks and Addicksites. They did not seem to distrust as an ally he who had been faithless as the ally of others.

But the betrayer of one cause lacked only the opportunity to betray a second one. He held over as Senator, and had a second official opportunity, which he quickly embraced.

When the time came to organize the State Senate on Tuesday last, four Democrats and four Republicans were qualified to sit, and two men—Meredith and Allee—were mere claimants, one from each party. Neither had proper credentials and neither was properly qualified to vote. Without compromise or concession neither party could organize the Senate. The Democrats had offered to elect Senator Pierce Speaker of that body if he would vote for seating Meredith. Pierce refused the offer as unfair and improper for his party. Then the Democrats, failing to bargain with Pierce, announced that they would organize the Senate and seat Meredith at once.

The Republicans, having the same rights and numbers as their opponents, determined that they would seat Allee and choose a Speaker in just the same manner that the Democrats proposed to act by Meredith. Had the plan been carried out as proposed the Democrats and Republicans would each have had a Senate of five members, each with an organization of its own, in the same room and at the same hour.

The Democrats carried out their part of the programme as announced, by seating Meredith and electing Hezekiah Harrington Speaker, but Hanby tricked his friends. Acting as temporary chairman for the Republicans, he received a motion but never put it. The Democrats went on with their programme, but the defection of Hanby made it impossible for the Republicans to do anything further. Mr. Hanby made some excuses and told some lies about his colleagues, in an effort to justify himself, but was caught red-handed in his treachery and the real facts are known to the political leaders.

With the expectation that the Republicans in the Senate would organize on the same basis as the Democrats the Union Republicans set up a lower house of their own, but it can come to naught after Hanby's betraying trick. The question will be asked: Why did Hanby play such a villainous part? The answer is that he had schemes of his own that demanded legislation. With a divided body no corporation act could be passed. He wanted some such act or acts, and the only way for him to obtain them was by acting with the Democrats, who knew his desires and made arrangements with him.

The chief losers by infamy No. 2 are the Union Republicans. After their hearty approval of infamy No. 1 they will receive small sympathy on the goring of their own ox.—"News and Advertiser."

GENERAL ASSEMBLY STOLEN.

At last the Democratic managers have been forced to employ openly violent measures to steal the General Assembly. For years Delaware has been Republican, but secret and hidden frauds, principally by the misuse of the tax and election machinery, have hereto'ore sufficed to defeat the will of her people.

Now, however, these will not answer. No longer will such means accomplish their foul purpose, and our judiciary has been dragged into the mire of partisanship and forced by the politicians to wallow in the filth and to bear the execrations of an outraged people.

What is the end to be? Where is this state of affairs to stop?

Certainly not in the majority's bowing its neck to the yoke of the minority. Certainly not in tamely submitting to such gross outrages on justice. The Republicans must unite and together sweep from power men who would dare to perpetrate such indecencies. We have been apart long enough. The enemy always fight together on election day and settle their differences later. We must do the same.

Honesty and right have been swept aside by our opponents; the voice of the public has been muffled by the gags of the politicians. But it has been stilled. This latest outrage has shown us that the Democratic party leaders will hesitate at nothing to perpetuate themselves in power. There is but one way out. We must meet dishonesty with fair dealing and a united party and conquer, for win we must and win we shall.—"New Castle News."

The Diamond Dimmed.

MR. MASSEY'S INFLUENCE STILL APPARENT.

PERPETUAL DEMOCRATIC SUCCESSION

Delaware is making history, and such a one as it is, very little therein chronicled to be proud of.

We have been proud of our little State; proud of her history; proud of her part in the events of national importance; proud of her soldiers; proud of s atesmen and public men; proud of the sterling honesty of her people; so proud, that we have thought her worthy of the proud title of the little "Diamond State," the precious jewel of her sister States. But the bright sparkle is dimmed; we see it "but as through a glass, darkly." Around it hangs the foul mist arising from a seething pool of political corruption. Men seem to have gone mad. Law seems but a dead letter upon the statute books. The voice of the highest court of the State but as "sounding brass and tinkling cymbal." The will of the people, as expressed at the ballot box, unworthy of the slightest consideration.

Such is the condition of affairs in the State of Delaware upon the organization of the Legislature. And why should it be so? We wish we had the time and space, but it perhaps would weary you.

A Democratic party drunk with the power of years, believing in an Apostolic descent, seemed to have lost sight entirely of the main object of a free government, and sought to foist upon a people already restless, a perpetual succession, and used the powers entrusted to it as a sacred trust, to perpetuate its power and thereby advanced the personal fortunes of a favored friend.

The Republican party, the natural opponent thereof, taking advantage of the condition of affairs is strengthened by the unsavory reputation and by rebellion from the unbearable yoke of the Democratic party, gains rapidly in strength, until some members thereof flushed with the prospect of victory and hope of power, and desiring to annihilate the enemy with one final blow, advocate and finally endeavored to "fight the devil with his own weapons."

When devil meets devil it is no place for the saints to rest, and when all that is bad in one party meets all that is unsavory and unbearable on the other side, it is about time for decent people to move out. The last session of the Legislature was bad enough, but it goes from bad to worse and we are not far from a state of anarchy; and what seems so unexplainable is that worthy men believed to be blessed with their portion of common sense, should lend themselves as aiders and abettors. The only hope we have is our Constitutional Convention, and we believe the members thereof are men of the stripe who will be equal to the occasion and by proper provisions in our Constitution make it impossible that such a repetition of the scenes of the last session of the Legislature, and of this, should again disgrace the State and become a blot upon the history thereof.—"Sussex Republican."

"A CONVICTED CRIMINAL."

The Democracy of Delaware is a convicted criminal. It has been arraigned before the Superior Court in the body of the Kent County Board of Canvass and convicted under a charge which involved perjury, theft, contempt of court and violent subversion of all statute and organic law—a charge which the court declared was revolutionary and destructive of all civil right and authority. For this crime the Democracy escaped punishment through a technical error in the prosecution. This convicted criminal has usurped all the constitutional and legislative power of the State. This political theft is enthroned; this political perjurer sits in the hall of judgment; this violator of law and destroyer of the Constitution controls the legislative forum. It is pretending to make laws and administer government.

God save the State.

The George V. Massey influence is still an apparent heaven of poison in the Delaware Republican meal barrel.

Why Senator Pierce and Moore should go out the State to consult with a man who is not a citizen of Delaware, for instruction as to their course in the legislative organization, is one of the mysteries of politics. Isn't it time for Delawareans to resent destructive foreign influences.

Mr. Massey has returned to the land of his birth. He never was a Delawarean and now that he has disconnected himself from the State by a renewal of his birthright citizenship, he can doubtless find politics enough in Pennsylvania to keep him too busy for mischiefsome interference here. Delaware Republicans would at least like him to try it.—"State Sentinel."

"Electricity is driving horses out of employment."

"Yes."

"Well, after a while there won't be anything left but women and trolley cars."

Some men are philosophical
And takes what comes along,
While others grow impatient and
Use language harsh and strong;
For instance, though this weather makes
Most people sad and sick,
The coal man is good-humored and
The plumber doesn't kick.

Ancient Democracy Happy

A RELUCTANCE THAT ACCEPTS A STEAL.

REPUBLICANS MAY CONTEST.

The Democrats from Kent county, as well as from New Castle and Sussex were seated in both Houses of the Legislature last Thursday.

There was a dispute in reference to the membership from Kent county, but the Democratic members from New Castle and Sussex counties were unquestionably elected by very considerable pluralities. The incidents connected with and growing out of the election in Kent are fresh in the public mind and no further review or comment is necessary at this time. The admission of one set of contestants to a Legislature is not necessarily a permanent exclusion of the others, nor does it preclude the latter from making a contest in a legal way upon the merits of the case. The Democratic candidates had the better *prima facie* evidence, in that their certificates were signed by a majority of the members of the board of canvass. Some of them—perhaps all of them—have been very reluctant to accept office when any sort of question could be raised as to their legal election; butthe seats have been awarded them by their colleagues from the other counties, who had the Constitutional right to pass upon the question.

The large powers entrusted to the General Assembly should be exercised with absolute fairness in the interests of all the people. No unfair, partisan laws should be enacted. Every effort should be made to render impossible a recurrence of the unfortunate condition which has existed here. The ballot should be protected in all stages. The people want no more illegality on election day or subsequently.—"Delawarean."

BOURBON APPROVAL.

The "Addicksites," or Union Republicans, as they call themselves, have met with a series of signal defeats at Dover this week that would appal the stoutest heart. The Gas King and his lieutenants were on hand but their efforts to control the Republican Senators were of no avail, they uniting with the Democrats in organizing that body.

In the House there was a quorum of Democrats, so there was no need of Republican assistance in getting to work.

In the Constitutional Convention, the four Addicks men who have hitherto refused to take part in the proceedings, took their seats on Monday, under a protest that counts for nothing.

The organization of a "Rump" Legislature at the Richardson House, consisting of the defeated Republicans of Kent and Sussex, is of a piece with the other foolish conduct of these men and will amount to naught, except to condemn them still more in the minds of all sensible and honest people.

Our State is to be congratulated upon the disastrous defeat of the man who came here for the sole purpose of corrupting our politics for his own personal advancement. Men of all parties will rejoice at the result and those who have the welfare of the State most at heart will be the most gratified at the collapse of his pretensions to be a leader in Delaware and his attempt to represent her in the Senate of the United State.—"Delaware Democrat."

REPUBLICANS LACKED DRILL.

The Legislature of Delaware was organized at Dover on Tuesday, the Democrats controlling both bodies. The Regular and Union Republicans lacked unity of purpose and in "pulling off" allowed the opposition to slip between and capture everything in sight. Had the Republicans been more thoroughly drilled and presented an unbroken line, concessions demanded would have probrably been granted. The results are entirely satisfactory to the ancient Democracy, but are causing any amount of "quare cussin" in the camps of the Republicans. The "Pilot," Lewis.

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He led her into the beechen grove
where they had carved their initials on a tree
years before. The letters had grown
together and formed a knot. "Shall we not
follow their example?" he asked in an anxious tone. She blushed and answered: "I
will knot—if you will."

Washington ... Letter

SENATOR Sherman will probably settle the question of whether he is to be Secretary of State in the coming administration during the present week, as he will, by special invitation, have a personal conference with President-elect McKinley at Canton. Mr. Sherman's personal inclinations are not towards the cabinet, but he is prepared to do his duty as a good Republican and a patriotic citizen, and if it be the wish of President McKinley and of the Ohio Republicans, who have given him such great political honors in the past that he should accept a cabinet portfolio, he will not allow his personal inclinations to stand in the way. That he would make a good Secretary of State is as certain as that he has made a good Senator and a good Secretary of the Treasury, and while his colleagues would miss his experience and wisdom in the Senate, the knowledge that President McKinley and the country would have the benefit of them would go far towards consoling them for the loss.

Having heard what the parties directly interested had to say about the new tariff bill, the Republicans of the House Ways and Means Committee will this week begin the actual construction of the bill. The Democratic members of the committee had the privilege of attending the hearings, and some of them availed themselves of it, but the construction of the bill will only be participated in by the Republican members. Chairman Dingley has pointed out the difference in this task and the construction of the McKinley bill in 1890, and it should not be lost sight of by those who are interested in the arduous task successfully performed. In 1890 the Treasury had a surplus which was growing larger all the time, and the tariff bill was intended to protect American products and manufactures, and at the same time, to reduce the receipts of the government. Now, again referring to Chairman Dingley's words, the new tariff bill must protect American products and manufactures, and at the same time, add from $50,000,000 to $75,000,000 a year to the government receipts, in order to provide for the deficit made by the insufficiency of revenue produced by the Democratic tariff bill, which Mr. Cleveland denounced as an outrage and refused to sign, and which he now declares to be a good thing, notwithstanding all the trouble it has brought to the country.

The Loud bill depriving sample copies of newspapers and books of the right to be sent through the mail at pound rates was passed by the House, and has now gone to the Senate, where its prospect of being acted upon is far from bright. It will be fought hard and time is getting scarce.

The speech of Representative Johnson, of California, on the Pacific Railroad Funding Bill, which was to-day disposed of by the House, in which he made a vicious personal attack upon Mr. W. R. Hearst, proprietor of the San Francisco Examiner and the New York Journal; is much regretted by all who heard it. Some of the language of Mr. Johnson was so vulgar and indecent that it could not be printed in newspapers which go through the mail without a violation of the law—such language as should never be heard in a gathering of gentlemen and which no provocation can excuse. Disgusting people never brings them to your way of thinking.

It remained for Senator Mills to introduce a humorous phase to the Cuban question. His resolution, upon which he made a speech to-day in his usual style—he works harder than a blacksmith when he makes a speech—after reciting that Cuba ought to be free and declaring that this Country recognizes its independence, and that the President must act in harmony with Congress, provides for the appointment of a U. S. Minister to Cuba and appropriates $10,000 to pay his salary and expenses. The idea of appointing a minister to a country which as yet has neither government, according to the common American conception of government, nor a capitol is regarded as about the choicest tidbit of humor turned up at the present session of Congress, although Mr. Mills doesn't pose as a funny man.

Representative and Senator-elect Money, of Miss., is back from his foal trip to Cuba, but if he found out anything that the newspapers have not already acquainted the people of the United States with he has not told it. He has suddenly adopted an owl-like style. He looks mysterious and drops mysterious hints about what he might tell if so disposed, but it does not fool anybody.

(Texas Siftings:) Little Medicant. Please sir, give me a nickel.

Benevolent Clergyman. Have you no parents?

Little Mendicant. No sir; I am an orphan by birth.

(Puck:) Bachelor Visitor. Well, Henry, how do you like married life? Henry Peck—S-h-h. My wife is in the next room.

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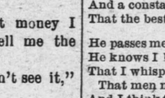

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Mrs. Benton was baking. When she had put the last pie into the oven she stepped to the door and called "Johnny!"

A bright-eyed, rosy-cheeked little boy came bounding up the steps and stood before her.

"What do you want, mamma?" he asked.

"I want you to run to the grocery right quick and get some eggs. Wait a moment and I'll give you some money.

She stepped into the sitting-room and going to the mantel put out her hand to take the change she thought was there. To her surprise it was gone, and she stood for a moment with a puzzled look on her face.

"I surely put a quarter there this morning," she thought. Then the puzzled look gave place to one of mingled annoyance and pain. She was positive she had laid that money there on the corner of the mantel after her husband had left the house that morning. The front door had been closed and locked all the time, and nobody but herself and the little boy had been in the room. Had Johnny taken it? The thought startled her. "But he must have taken it," she told herself, "for I know I put it right here after Mr. Benton went away, and there was no one else to take it. Oh, to think my boy would be dishonest—after all my teaching!"

Without taking the time to consider the possibility of being mistaken, she turned upon the child, who had followed her into the room, and demanded:

"Johnny, did you see that money I laid here this morning? Tell me the truth!"

"Why, no, mamma, I didn't see it," answered the boy at once.

"Are you going to tell me a falsehood, beside taking what does not belong to you?" asked the mother angrily. "I shall punish you for that. You needn't deny it, Johnny; mamma knows you took it, and it grieves her very much that you would take anything that doesn't belong to you—and then tell a falsehood about it. It's too much; mamma is ashamed of you!"

Poor little Johnny burst into tears.

"Mamma," he sobbed, "I didn't take your money—true as anything I didn't. I—"

"Don't say another word!" interrupted the mother, too angry to be reasonable. "I tell you I know you did take it, because nobody has been in here but you; and I know I laid it there after your papa went away in the morning. I shall punish you well. Sit down there till I come back and I'll see if I can't make you tell the truth anyway."

And, pushing him in the nearest chair, she left the room.

She came back presently, with a switch in her hand and a determined look on her face. To her surprise the little boy arose from his chair as she entered and came toward her.

"Mamma," he said, raising his tear-stained face to meet the angry look she cast upon him—"mamma, I've been praying to God, and I know he'll help me out of this."

"How do you know he will?" the mother asked, somewhat startled. "Who told you He would?"

"My Sunday-school teacher said so. She said if we ever got into trouble to just ask God to help us, and He would. And so I asked God to help me out of this trouble and I believe He will." And the brown eyes filled with tears again.

If this were anything but a true story, I should make it read that the mother gladly stayed the punishment of her child until his guilt was proved beyond the shadow of a doubt. But, strangely enough, this real mother was more angry than before, and made the punishment more severe because of his "hypocrisy," as she called it.

When Mr. Benton came home to dinner that day he was told the whole story, his wife expressing regret that her boy had not only taken the money, and then tried to conceal it with a falsehood, but had acted the hypocrite beside.

When she had finished, Mr. Benton said, sadly:

"I am very sorry this has happened, I am sure. You are mistaken about having put the money there before I left. Jennie, I took that money myself."

I will leave you to imagine the mother's feelings. But I am glad to tell you that she took the lesson to heart. Inrelating the incident to a friend after, ward, she said, with quivering lips and tear-filled eyes:

"Poor little fellow! It did not help him out of his trouble to pray that time but I assure you it will in the future."

My Neighbor's Boy.

He seems to be several boys in one,
So much is he constantly everywhere!
And the mischievous things that boy has done
No mind can remember nor mouth declare
He fills then hole of his share of space
With his strong, straight form and his merry face.

He is very cowardly, very brave,
He is kind and cruel, good and bad,
A brute and a hero! Who will save
The best from the worst of my neighbor's lad?
The mean and the noble strive to-day—
Which of the powers will have its way?
The world is needing his strength and still
He will make hearts happy or make them ache,
What power is in him for good or ill!
Which of life's paths will his swift feet take
Will he rise and draw other up with him
Or the light that is in him burn low and dim?

But what is my neighbor's boy to me
More than a nuisance? My neighbor's boy,
Though I have some fear for what he may be,
Is a source of solicitude, hope and joy,
And a constant pleasure. Because I pray
That the best that in him will rule some day.

He passes me by with a smile and a nod,
He knows I have hope of him—guesses, too,
That I whisper his name when I ask of God
That men may be righteous, His will do.
And I think that many would have more joy
If they loved and prayed for a neighbor's boy.

London Christian World

A tired stomach is very much like a sprained ankle. If you suffer from any of the symptoms of dyspepsia, your stomach is tired. It needs a crutch. We must relieve it of all work for a time, or until it is restored to its natural strength. To do this successfully, we must use a a food which is already digested outside of the body, and which will aid the digestion of other foods that may be taken with it. Such product is the Shaker Digestive Cordial.

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Laxol is the best medicine for children. Doctors recommend it in place of Castor Oil.

Constable X. Y. Z. 100—"How is it, my dear, that some of you ladies seem to prefer the military to the police?" Cook—"I dunno, I'm sure, unless it is that the military have arms which you haven't, don't you know?" Constable X. Y. Z. 100—"Haven't I? What do you call those? (Left embracing)."

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Hood's Pills are purely vegetable and do not purge, pain or gripe. All druggists. 25c.

Angler—"Only fancy, children; the other day an express train passed right over my body, without doing me the slightest injury!" (He omitted to say that he was fishing out of a punt under a railway bridge at the time.)

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ALAS! NOT ONE!

In the factional fight at Dover over the United States Senator, which will be open to vote in the General Assembly next Tuesday because of Addicks and Addicksism, true charges are made by the factionists against each other. The Dickey-Saulsbury men are angry that the Kent county men take so leading a part in the contest against Dickey who seeks most to hold his seat until after the caucus next Monday night and the election in the separate houses on Tuesday and in joint session on Wednesday. They say the Kent men show "bad taste" in pushing the matter, "men who were not elected but were seated because they are Democrats." This is the testimony of fellow members of the General Assembly.

On the other hand when the Kent county men are threatened with an investigation even to the opening of the Kent ballot boxes they defy the Dickey threats and redouble their efforts to unseat a man who by fraud attempts to sit in the seat to which a Democrat was elected and to cast a vote for Senator. The real spirit of the contest is not the right of Mr. Cheairs to a seat in the Assembly, as it should be, but it is a vote for or against "my candidate for the Senate."

No one who reads can doubt the truth of the above statements, and yet not a Democratic editor in the State has had aught to say against the injustice to the members of its own party to say nothing of the purity of our elections which all should defend. On our first page will be found some very interesting clippings from the editorials of our brother editors upon the organization of the General Assembly. Many of the Democratic papers failed to notice editorially the action at Dover last week, shirking from responsibility and taking refuge in silence. Many of them privately condemn the action but publicly approve by their silence and their subsequent endorsement of the men and measures at issue. Such is called political loyalty.

On Tuesday last the "Morning News" said, "the Every Evening sees nothing wrong in the action of the Democrats in Kent county whereby seven Democrats were accorded seats in the General Assembly that belonged to seven Republicans. The efforts of our neighbor to discredit the truth, and to question the knowledge of those who have written upon the subject of rascality in this State in connection with elections, stamps it as a hypocrite."

To this the Every Evening replies: "after the election of 1888, in which a corruption fund made it possible for the Republicans to carry Sussex county and thus to secure a majority on joint ballot, Every Evening made a careful investigation and exposed the full details of the transaction." The editor goes on to say that since then the paper has favored the enactment of laws against bribery and stands on that platform now.

Very true, the Every Evening favored the passage of the Australian Ballot Law by the Legislature of 1889, we believe honestly, and the writer as a member of that body worked and voted against it and he is to-day proud of it. No man desires honest and pure elections more than the editor of the TRANSCRIPT, and he believes thousands of Delawareans, Republicans and Democrats, are equally as desirous of these reforms as himself. The Every Evening then called us hard names because we had the courage of our convictions to vote against what we believed promised no relief against bribery at our elections. Our vote was not partisan as the Every Evening charged and the general opinion of that law to-day approves our judgment of it then. The Republicans of that General Assembly, believing in fair and honest dealings politically as well as otherwise and being desirous of testing the sincerity of our Democratic brethren in the Legislature, who were individually and collectively a fine set of men, many of them possessing superior qualifications for the duties to which the people elected them, offered to our political opponents to accept the Australian Ballot bill if they would qualify the obnoxious assessment and delinquent laws of 1873. They would not accept the offer. No one not even the Every Evening will claim that Republicans have had fair and honest treatment in Delaware. So far as we can recall this has been the sum total of the Every Evening's efforts in the passage of laws to eradicate bribery.

But to return to 1888. The present editor of Every Evening was a reporter on that paper then and himself "made the careful investigation." He knows if he will tell the truth that in the election in Kent county that year far more money was spent by the Democratic factions in that county than was spent in Sussex the very men being engaged in it then who are now contesting the senatorial election in Dover. He asked personal interviews at Georgetown and having promised Republicans that they should receive the same treatment as Democrats the interviews were granted. When the interviews were published the name of not a single Democrat was given. This was a piece of bad faith on the part of the paper or of the reporter at least but the substance of the interviews was that there was undoubtedly purchasing of some votes, that the Republicans had in the county about an equal amount of money with the Democrats, that the Republicans had possibly made the wiser distribution, looking to success, of their money over the county. The writer had no personal knowledge of a single bribe that day but from indications he had no doubt of its existence.

If the editor of Every Evening will refresh his memory by reference to his files or better by publication of the interviews he will find that his party was equally guilty with their political opponents a fact which he and every Democratic editor in the State proceeded at once to forget. He knows of the bribery at the Kent county Democratic primaries that year and he knows that his party friends this year spent all the money in Kent and Sussex at the election which they could command, and yet he proceeds to forget it all in what the Morning News calls his hypocrisy in reform.

We would much rather not write the above not because we do not believe every syllable and word of it true but because it is not pleasant to write unpleasant things. But as we stated in the beginning of this article not a Democratic editor in the State raises his voice against the political rascality within his own party. It is a mistake and we believe some day many of our brethren of the quill will regret that they have not stood for the right and honest and fair elections by all parties. Alas! not one of them does it.

OF THE "SMALL FRY."

The Republicans of Delaware are under deep obligations to the mugwump Republicans for their present political position. To Anthony Higgins, Edward G. Bradford, Wash Hastings, General James H. Wilson, and a few small fry like McKendree Downham, Henry L. Hynson, Wm. A. Gum and others, the Republicans may lay the blame for their present generally shook-up condition. It is no use discussing the might have been. What is done is past recalling, even would the Democrats permit such to be possible. From the slough and mire of defeat the Republican party of Delaware may look forward upon legislation framed and aimed to prevent any fair election or expression of opinion in Delaware for years to come. These Delilas of politics have shorn the locks of their Sampson, and as the party sits to-day in the ruins of its temple—helpless to defend itself against rank and partisan legislation—it is well to remind the people as to who are responsible. That an empty honor which they hoped would carry with it federal patronage, might be obtained—these men have sunk the Republican party of Delaware into the same position it occupied twenty years ago, when the iniquitous delinquent laws were concocted. * * * *

We blame not the Democrats for stealing the Senate, the Constitutional Convention, the House, the United States Senator. No. The blame rests with the mugwumps who made it possible in Kent and Sussex counties for such to be done.—"Chronicle."

Brother Hynson, one of the "small fry" mentioned, answers Brother Townsend as follows:

"What our neighbor considers the blight of its disapproval will be taken as a compliment by those it mentions. For the benefit of the State and the honor of her people, they determined to defeat Addicks and thwart his unholy schemes. They have succeeded up to date."

And all the "small fry" answer "amen."

A "fry" means a "swarm," and a "swarm" means a "multitude," and in good English it is always used in connection with the useful and busy creatures of God's creation, never of drones or leeches. See then why it is a compliment to belong to the "small fry." And then the "small fry" have a habit of increasing despite the avaricious shark and the contemptible leeches. The "small fry" is good; we know of nothing more descriptive at the present.

It is better to laugh than to cry. But seriously the "Chronicle" cannot point to one act of ours, one word spoken or written, that it can justify in charging the defeat of Republicanism at our door. The selfishness of the "Chronicle" and of the "Union Republicans" is summed up in its last sentence——"made it possible in Kent and Sussex." With sixty per cent. of the Republican vote in the State in New Castle county, with a majority of 3000 as the last election shows, it was the policy of Mr. Addicks to ignore New Castle, in fact to defeat the party here as he did by making the first division county ticket in the State, and his followers in Kent and Sussex consented and approved. Right there can be found the causes for Republican defeat. The "Chronicle" before the election said the "small fry" and the "big fry" opposed to Addicksism would number only a few hundred. The "Chronicle" mislead and deceived many honest Republicans into supporting Addicksism, of which the Rump Legislature at Dover shows the true intent and spirit, the election of Mr. Addicks to the Senate, by the oft-repeated claim that "we shall win by our money." They lost and they have pulled down the Republican Party into "the slough and mire of defeat" and a guilty conscience urges them to lay the blame on others. It will not do, Brother Townsend; you stand convicted as a *particeps criminis* to the defeat of Republicanism in Delaware.

But there is another peculiar declaration in your article, Brother Townsend—peculiar in the eyes of honesty and fair dealing. You charge the Democrats with stealing, openly and avowedly, or yet you "blame them not," or in other words you approve their acts. That is the English of it. The only political honesty in the State you by implication accord to the "small fry" and their friends. There is hope for you, my brother;

"While the lamp of life holds out to burn."

THE Kent County Grangers oppose by resolution the election of a lawyer to the U. S. Senate. Very good. Indeed when one contemplates the election of not only a wily politician but a conscienceless man, or a step lower but no worse, the choice of a corporation lobbyist a lawyer by name, it is surprising that all the people do not cry out "Amen!" to the Grange appeal. There are scores of able, honest men in the State. We know them in New Castle but we recall one in Kent just now—a man who would be the equal of nine-tenths of the Senators in the Senate to-day though they have years of legislative experience, a fluent talker, a clear reasoner, a man of the people, able, honest and upright. This General Assembly will elect a Democrat to carry credentials to Washington. We hope Col. duPont may be seated because in our opinion he was elected, if not let another worthy Delawarean be named—we have in mind Dr. Ezekiel W. Cooper, of Camden, a member of the Constitutional Convention and a Democrat whom every citizen could call with pride "our senator." We nominate Dr. Cooper.

The Teachers' Round Table

Conducted by A. R. SPAID, Highlands, Del.

All teachers and friends of Education in New Castle County and the teachers of Kent and Sussex are invited to take seats.

[All persons who take an interest in this column should send their names and address for enrollment.]

Delaware is the only State in the Union without a state executive educational officer.

In other states twenty days constitute a school month. In Delaware the calendar month is used.

On the evening of January 8th, several Knights of the Round Table, residing in Wilmington, had the pleasure of hearing General J. B. Gordon deliver his famous lecture, "The Last Days of the Confederacy."

In the course of his lecture, General Gordon declared that taking a given line, the battle of Spotsylvania Court House, was not only the bloodiest of the civil war, but of any war known to man. A roll of musketry was kept up for twenty hours, a thing unparalleled in the history of war.

No teacher can afford to pass her evenings in mere pleasure. This is the season of the year for the best work. The first thing after supper to engage a teacher's attention should be her school work for the next day. The best teachers never go into the school room without preparation. If you read a portion of Scripture at the opening of school, you should make your selection beforehand. The teacher who is satisfied with a short psalm, the contents of which perhaps she does not know, is not wise.

After the preparation for the following day has been made the teacher should turn her mind to some useful reading. The teacher needs to be well informed, and as she is more or less isolated from news centers and well informed associates, she ought to spend much of her time in reading good books. Nor should she read promiscuously. There must be regularity about everything the teacher does.

The "Teacher's Tool chest," a little catalogue, published by C. W. Bardeen, Syracuse, N. Y., will be of help to the teacher who desires to read systematically along educational lines.

The Geography Contest closes. Estella C. Brown, of the Wilmington High School, secures the prize, with T. Bayard Vinyard, of Warwick, Md., next in the lead. Roy D. Voshell, of McDonough, W. L. Bradford, of Newark, and Zaidee Beardsley, of Lincoln, send in good papers.

A TRAVELER'S JOURNEY.

A traveler left Popocatepetl (Somking Mountain of Mexico) which is is a solfatara or a volcanic vent, from which sulphur, sulphureous, watery, acid vapors and gases are emitted; and passed through Central America, a country which has more volcanoes in proportion to its area than any part of the world.

He came to the Isthmus of Panama where they were building the Panama Ship Canal, and going down to the sea he sailed to Cuba called the "Queen of the Antilles." He landed at Havana, the largest city of the West Indies. It is also the greatest sugar market in the world. Before leaving the West Indies, he visited Trinidad island noted for its "pitch lake" of unknown depth. On the sides the pitch is hard and cold, but the centre is in a liquid, boiling state. The hard pitch is used in paving the streets of cities.

After reaching the "Triangular Continent" or South America, he sailed up the Amazon, the "King of rivers," which is so wide that his ship was sometimes out of sight of land. This river drains a larger area and discharges more water into the ocean than any other river. It is noted for its "bores," which are caused by the abstruction of bars and the form of the channel, the whole flow of the tide often being detained, comes in in one rush of water, or in two or three successive waves, the roar of which can be heard five or six miles away.

The traveler passed through a fork of the Cassiquiare river to the Orinoco in a canoe. The waters of this river flow sometimes into the Amazon and sometimes into the Orinoco. This phenomenon is called a bifurcation, there being no height of land between the two river basins.

He went over into Venezuela or "Little Venice," so named on account of the Indian villages which the first explorers found built on piles along Lake Maracaybo; and wrote his notes by the Lantern of Maracaybo, which is a volcano lit up with petroleum. It serves as a lighthouse to mariners.

In Ecuador, he ate oysters which had clung to the branches of the trees hanging in the river; therefore it is said that in Guayaquil, oysters grow on trees. He saw north of latitude 23, on the slopes of the Peruvian Andes, the cinchona tree from whose bark quinine is made.

He visited Pasco, the highest city in the world, and passed by Lake Titicaca on the boundary of Peru and Bolivia. This lake is so high that the pressure of the atmosphere is greatly diminished, and evaporation is so rapid that the water is taken up as fast as the rivers pour it in.

He crossed the desert of Atacama in the northern part of Chili, and in passing through the Argentine Republic, he saw a "fulgurite" which is formed when the lighting strikes the ground and makes a hole in the earth, melts the sand and forms a funnel shaped lining of glass.

He did not visit the island of Juan Fernandez which was the home of Robinson Cruso, but traveling on south, he went through Terra del Fuego, the land of fire, to Cape Horn, or the furnace cape, both so called on account of the fiery furnaces the discoverers fancied they saw there.

Every competitor, save one, gave Potosi as the highest city in the world. Potosi is 13,000 feet above the sea level, while Pasco is 14,000. One gave Tobago as the island home of Robinson Cruso, which perhaps is correct, but as Tobago is near the mouth of the Orinoco, it would be much out of the traveler's way to return from Chili to Tobago, and then go on to Cape Horn.

It has recently been reported that the island of Juan Fernandez, the reputed locality of Robinson Cruso's adventures, has disappeared beneath the waves of the Pacific.

Constitutional Convention.

The Constitutional Convention has done some good work this week. The members are showing themselves well qualified for their duties and the impression is growing among the people that the open door to a 'new Delaware" lies through the Convention hall. In addition to the election of a Lieutenant Governor who is to act as Speaker of the Senate the Convention decided this week that the State Treasurer, Auditor and Insurance Commissioner shall be elected, also in the counties the Clerk of the Peace Register of Wills, Recorder of Deeds, Prothonotary and Register in Chancery The office fees over a certain amount, not yet named, are to be turned into the county treasury. This is good.

MY MARYLAND.

"Chesapeake," a horse for which an offer of $25,000 was at one time refused, was sold under the hammer in Elkton Tuesday for $5.00.

The new Queen Anne's railroad, which is now completed to the state line, but will eventually run through the lower part of Delaware, will probably be opened to travel on February 15.

Mrs. Katharine Bristow, wife of the late Captain John Bristow, died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Benson, in Chesapeake City, on Sunday morning at 3 o'clock, after a lingering illness.

Cards are out for the wedding of Mr. Geo. K. Houck, of Chesapeake and Miss Corabel Jackson, of Downs Chapel, Delaware, on Wednesday evening January 20, at 7.30 o'clock at the Methodist Protestant Church Downs Chapel.

Mrs. John Ritchie, State Regent of the Maryland Daughters of the American Revolution, has appointed a committee which will award a gold medal to the pupil in the public school of the State, who will write the best essay upon Maryland history.

A mammoth porker was butchered this week at Salisbury. It tipped the scales at 827½ lbs. There were 680 guesses as to his weight, 10cts being charged for a guess. Ernest B. Hitch was the lucky one who named the exact weight and won the whole amount paid in, over sixty-dollars.

John W. Crisfield, one of the best known and foremost citizens of the Eastern Shore died at his home near Princess Anne, in Somerset county on Tuesday in his 90th year. He was the founder of the town of Crisfield and in his day was one of the most enterprising men in the state.

Mr. Frank S. Everest, President of Cecil county School Board, was found dead in a small spring on his farm near Port Deposit on Wednesday. It is supposed that he had an attack of vertigo while looking after a pipe that conveyed water from the spring to a trough, and fell, face down, in the water. He was sixty years old and an influental citizen of Maryland.

Elihu Hitchens, of Melson's, is 84 years old. His wife is 80. He was 18 and she 14 when they were married. They have fourteen children, the youngest 35 years; thirty-seven grandchildren and forty-seven great grandchildren. During the past year Mr. Hitchens senior cultivated 50,000 corn hills, and he says he can jump a six rail fence. He was born in Sussex county, Del.

On Saturday evening the many friends of the Rev. Benjamin F. Price tendered the venerable clergymen and his wife a surprise party at their home in Elkton. They took complete possession of the reverend, gentleman's home, and when departing left many tokens of their friendship, including table luxuries and a purse and contents for Mrs. Price. The Junior Epworth League presented Mr. Price with a handsome nickle lamp.

The historic old White Marsh Church, near Hambleton, in Trappe district, Talbot county, was destroyed by fire Tuesday. A man was burning brush on the premises, and the fire caught the building and was soon beyond control. White Marsh was the oldest Protestant Episcopal church in Talbot county. All the bishops of the Diocese of Maryland had officiated there and also Bishops Lay and Adams, of the Diocese of Easton. The church had not been in use as a regular place of worship for a quarter of a century, a parish church having been built in Trappe. Among the tombstones in the old graveyard of White Marsh is that of Robert Morris, the father of the great Robert Morris, the financier in revolutionary times.

POLITICAL PARAGRAPHS.

Representative Eliason, of St. Georges, hundred has voted with the Dickey men in all the votes so far in the Cheairs-Dickey contest.

There are several Delaware Democrats who would like to see Col. duPont seated in the Senate. There will be others after the factional fight at Dover ends. And it may be they will see it. The case of Col. duPont is being pushed at Washington.

The caucus for State Treasurer and State Auditor will be held on Monday night at the same time with the senatorial caucus. Dr. Lewis seeks a re-election as auditor. There are several who desire to succeed State Treasurer Adkins among those most favorably considered being John N. Carswell who was defeated for Receiver of Taxes in this county Nov. 3d.

James G. Shaw, Daniel Mifflin Wilson, and Daniel J. Fooks, the electors chosen in this State last November, met at Dover on Monday and formally cast the vote for McKinley and Hobart. Mr. Wilson was appointed to deposit the vote with the speaker of the Senate. The casting of this vote is due to the patriotism, loyalty and spirit of compromise shown by the "star" Republicans of Delaware.

THE TRAMSCRIPT $1.00 a year.

Ex-Congressman Causey and Miss Anna B. Watson, sister of Gov. Watson, will be married at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Carlisle, in Milford, to-day.

The stores of John P. Masten and Franklin Harrington, at Harrington, were burglarized Tuesday night. Both safes were blown open, but the spoils were small.

SHERIFF'S SALE.—BY VIRTUE OF A writ of Levari Facias, to me directed, will be exposed to public sale at the Hotel of James B. Toman, at the city of New Castle, New Castle county, State of Delaware,

ON MONDAY,
THE 25th DAY OF JANUARY, 1897,
at 12.30 o'clock, p. m.,

the following described real estate, viz:

All that certain tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in White Clay Creek hundred, New Castle county and State of Delaware, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a corner for lands of the estate of the late Thomas Layman and the Christiana and Elkton turnpike, and running along said turnpike south 54 degrees west 29 perches and 9-10 of a perch to a corner for land of Walter F. Southgate north 39 degrees west 65 perches and 7-10 of a perch to a corner for land of said Southgate; thence south 8 degrees west 26 perches and 35-100 of a perch to a corner for land of said Southgate; thence along said Southgate's line north 70¼ degrees west 88 perches to a corner for land of Walter F. Southgate and Benjamin Peters north 20½ degrees east 42 perches and ¾ of a perch to a corner for lands of Benjamin Peters and Scattergood Allen, south 63 degrees east 56 perches and 7-10 of a perch to a corner in said line; thence along said line south 64½ degrees east 35 2-10 perches to a corner; thence along said Allen's line 55¾ degrees east 31 perches and 2-10 of a perch to a corner for lands of Scattergood Allen and S. D. Townsend; thence along said Townsend's line 54¾ degrees east 69 perches and 2-10 of a perch to the place of beginning, containing 33 acres, 3 roods and 4 perches of land, be the same more or less.

Seized and taken in execution as the property of Rachel M. Oldham and James D. Oldham, and L.f's and to be sold by

WILLIAM R. FLINN, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Wilmington, Delaware, January 8th, 1897.

SHERIFF'S SALE.—BY VIRTUE OF A writ of Levari Facias, to me directed, will be exposed to public sale at the Court House, on Market street between Tenth and Eleventh streets, in the city of Wilmington, New Castle county, State of Delaware.

ON MONDAY,
THE 25th DAY OF JANUARY, 187,
at 2 o'clock p. m.,

the following described real estate, viz:

All that certain lot or piece of land with the two-story brick dwelling house thereon erected, known as No. 714 East Eleventh street, situate in the city of Wilmington, aforesaid, bounded and described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at a point on the southerly side of Eleventh street, at the distance of 80 feet 9½ inches westerly from the westerly side of Bennett street; thence southerly parallel with Bennett street, passing through the middle of the division wall between the house on this lot and the house adjoining on the east 70 feet to a point in the northerly side of an alley 4 feet 11 inches wide running parallel with Eleventh street from Bennett to Spruce street; thence westerly along said alley nine 14 feet 2½ inches; thence northerly parallel with Bennett street and passing through the middle of the division wall between like house on this lot and the house adjoining on the west 70 feet to a point in the said southerly side of Eleventh street, and thence thereby easterly 14 feet 2½ inches to the place of beginning, be the contents thereof what they may.

Seized and taken in execution as the property of George H. Tindall, Jr., and Jennie Tindall, his wife, mortgagors and t,t's and to be sold by

WILLIAM R. FLINN, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Wilmington, Delaware, January 8, 1897.

SHERIFF'S SALE.—BY VIRTUE OF A writ of Levari Facias, to me directed, will be exposed to public sale at the National Hotel, at Middletown, St. Georges hundred, New Castle county, State of Delaware,

ON THURSDAY,
THE 28th DAY OF JANUARY, 1897,
at 2 o'clock p. m.,

the following described real estate, viz:

All that certain tract, piece or parcel of land and woodland, situate in Appoquinimink hundred, New Castle county and State of Delaware, about one mile south of Middletown, bounded on the west by the public road leading from Middletown to Smyrna; on the northeast and southeast by two branches of "Drummon's millpond," and on the south by a lot of land of Joseph Jackson, colored man, containing 70 acres of land, be the same more or less.

Seized and taken in execution as the property of Edwin R. Cochran and Ada B., his wife, mortgagors; and Francis E. Comegys, t.t. and to be sold by

WILLIAM R. FLINN, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Wilmington, Delaware, January 12, 1897.

SHERIFF'S SALE.—BY VIRTUE OF A writ of Levari Facias, to me directed, will be exposed to public sale at the National Hotel, in the town of Middletown, St. Georges hundred, New Castle county, State of Delaware,

ON SATURDAY,
THE 30th DAY OF JANUARY, 1897,
at 9.30 o'clock, a. m.,

the following described real estate, viz:

All those following described tracts or parcels of land with the buildings thereon erected, situate in and adjoining the village of Port Penn, St. Georges hundred, New Castle county and State of Delaware, severally bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

No. 1.—Bounded on the north and north-east by the Port Penn road, and on the south-east and south by a division line between this land and a lot of Mary Cox; thence south 17 degrees west 22 perches and 5-10 of a perch; south 73 degrees east, 22 perches and 5-10 to Stewart street; thence south 17 degrees west 3 perches to the south side of Merchant street, south 73 degrees east with said street to the Delaware river; thence south with said river to marsh late of John Aiken; thence by the same, over lands and marsh late of John Alricks, William Stewart and others to the said Port Penn road, containing 218 acres, be the same more or less.

No. 2.—Beginning at the northeast corner of Market street and running thence by the same north 73¾ degrees west 56½ feet to a corner of a lot now of Thomas Cleaver's estate; thence by said estate and north 16¼ degrees east 375 feet to a line formerly of William Cleaver, now of the said Thomas Cleaver; thence south 73¾ degrees east 50½ feet to a lot now of Thomas Cleaver; thence by said lot south 16¼ degrees west 375 feet to the place of beginning, containing about 75 perches, be the same more or less.

No. 3.—Fronting on Market street and now bounded by lands of Hugh Flemming, deceased, and which is more fully set forth in a deed to Hugh Flemming, from James McMullen and Mary McMullen, his wife, dated the 18th day of January, A. D. 1841, recorded in the office for recording deeds, etc., at New Castle, in book G. Vol. 5, page 25, etc.

Seized and taken in execution as the property of Henrietta M. Dilworth, administratrix of Thomas P. Dilworth, deceased, and Henrietta M. Dilworth, t. t, and to be sold by

WILLIAM R. FLINN, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Wilmington, Delaware, January 14th, 1897.

Black and Colored Dress Goods

Never before have manufacturers and importers made such decided sacrifices in the matter of prices as this season, and we are thus enabled to include in the great January Sale some of the choicest goods at prices away below those generally prevailing:

BLACK DRESS GOODS:

FIGURED MOHAIR—38 inches wide, in neat designs. Actual value, 50 cents per yard; now 31c

FANCY FIGURED WOOL SERGE—45 inches wide. Actual value, 65 cents per yard; now . . . 37½c

MOHAIR AND WOOL CRINKLE CREPON—45 inches wide. Actual value, 50 cents per yard; now 37½c

BOUCLE STRIPES—50 inches wide, all-wool. Actual value, 75c per yard; now 50c

WOOL AND MOHAIR FANCIES—42 inches wide. Actual value, 75 cents per yard; now . . 50c

ENGLISH SICILIAN MOHAIR—45 inches wide. Actual value, $1.00 per yard; now 69c

CAMEL'S HAIR AND BASKET WEAVE NOVELTIES—46 inches wide. Actual values, $1.75 and $2.00 per yard; now $1.00

ENGLISH SICILIAN MOHAIR—54 inches wide. Actual value, $1.50 per yard; now $1.00

SILK AND WOOL JACQUARDS—46 inches wide. Actual value, $2.50 per yard; now $1.50

HIGH CLASS NOVELTIES—In Bengaline, Crepon and Frieze—46 inches wide. Actual values, $4 and $5 per yard; now $2.00 and $2.50.

COLORED DRESS GOODS:

HALF WOOL CHALLI LAINE—Actual value, 15 cents per yard; now 10c

FANCY NOVELTIES—in stripes, checks and rough effects. Actual value, 37½ cents per yard; now . . 25c

STRIPE BOUCLE AND CHECK NOVELTIES—Actual value, 50c per yard; now 31c

STORM SERGE—50 inches wide, all-wool, in navy blue. Actual value, 50 cents per yard; now 37½c

FANCY NOVELTIES—all-wool in neat effects. Actual value, 75c per yard; now 50c

NOVELTIES—in all-wool and silk and wool, from 40 to 50 inches wide. Actual values, $1.00, $1.25 and $1.50 per yard; now 75c

FANCY BOUCLE CHEVIOTS—all-wool, 45 inches wide. Actual value, $1.25 per yard; now $1.00

FIGURED NOVELTY—in silk and wool, 45 inches wide. Actual value, $1.75 per yard; now $1.25

MOHAIR AND WOOL NOVELTY—47 inches wide. Actual value, $2.25 per yard; now . . $1.50

BOUCLE PLAIDS—44 and 50 inches wide. Actual values, $1.25, $1.50, $1.75, $2.00 and $2.50 per yard, now 75, 85c, $1, $1.25, $1.50.

Samples sent to any address upon request.

STRAWBRIDGE & CLOTHIER
Philadelphia.

HARPER'S ROUND TABLE

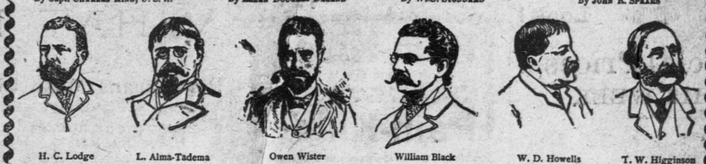
Each of the fifty-two numbers of this periodical will open with a story by some author of international fame. Portraits of a few of these authors are given below. Besides the Prize Offers and offers of books there will be

THREE REMARKABLE TWENTY-PART SERIALS

A LOYAL TRAITOR — A Story of the Naval War of 1812 — By JAMES BARNES
THE PAINTED DESERT — A Story of the Arizona Desert — By KIRK MUNROE
THE ROCK OF THE LION — A Story of the Siege of Gibraltar — By MOLLY ELLIOT SEAWELL

SOME OF THE SHORT SERIALS

CORPORAL FRED'S COMMISSION — By Capt. CHARLES KING, U. S. A.
THE MIDDLETON BOWL — By ELLEN DOUGLAS DELAND
THE BOY WRECKERS — By W. O. STODDARD
AN ADIRONDACK BOY AFLOAT — By JOHN R. SPEARS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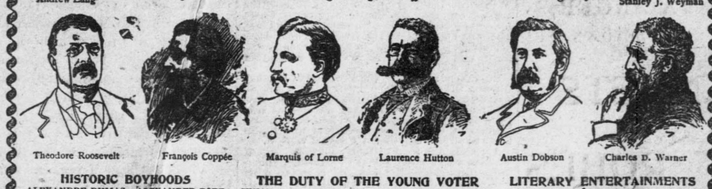
Theodore Roosevelt, François Coppée, Marquis of Lorne, Laurence Hutton, Austin Dobson, Charles D. Warner

HISTORIC BOYHOODS — ALEXANDRE DUMAS. ALEXANDER POPE — By ANDREW LANG. LORD BYRON — By W. E. HENLEY

THE DUTY OF THE YOUNG VOTER — WHAT A VOTE MEANS. WHAT A PRIMARY MEANS — By Rev. E. E. HALE. By AUSTIN DOBSON. FARTY ALLEGIANCE AND INDEPENDENCE — By Hon. CARL SCHURZ

LITERARY ENTERTAINMENTS — THE FAIRY FÊTE. A DELFT PARTY. A CHARLES LAMB PARTY — THE CHILDREN'S HOUR — By EMMA J. GRAY

BIG-GAME HUNTING — THE TIMBER WOLF. THE MIGHTY ELK — By Hon. THEODORE ROOSEVELT. STILL HUNTING. BEAR HUNTING — By CASPAR WHITNEY

FAMOUS AUTHORS' RECOLLECTIONS — A "BOY'S TOWN STORY. THE RINGGOLD ARCHERS — By WILLIAM D. HOWELLS. By FRANK R. STOCKTON. EARLY LITERARY STRUGGLES — By GEORGE MEREDITH

HISTORIC CAVALRY CHARGES — AT GAINES'S MILL. AT CEDAR CREEK. AT GETTYSBURG. AT OPEQUAN — By RICHARD BARRY

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A Great Sale of Beautiful and High Grade MERCHANDISE.

Every item in this advertisement breathes Economy. Our well-known method of Buying and Selling for Cash are the two reasons of the wonderful growth of our business.

CHILDREN'S VESTS.

Children's Vests, heavy wool, 16 inches, 6 cents.
Hill Muslin, one yard wide, 6c yard, instead of 10c.
Fruit of the Loom Muslin, one yard wide, 7c the yard instead of 10c.

SMALL WARES.

Little prices and a saving in every one of them.
Stockinet Dress Shields, 7c the pair. 7, 8 and 9 in. Dress Bones, 4c and 5c the dozen. Dress Bone Casing, 10c the piece of 12 yards, or 1c a yard. Black Velvet Skirt Facing, 10c the piece of 5 yards. Safety Pins, 2c the dozen. Hooks and eyes, black and white, 2c card of 2 dozen. Black Pins, in Boxes, 2c. Hair Pins, crimped and plain, 2c dozen. Smith Steel Pointed Hair Pins, 2c paper instead of 5c. Fine Tooth combs, 3c, Dressing Combs, 5c. Feather Stitched Braid, 5c for 6 yards.

BLANKETS AND COMFORTS.

Large lot of Bed Blankets and Comforts from auction at about one-half their value. All slightly damaged

MEN'S OVERCOATS.

Men's Storm Overcoats, large storm collars, with wool lining, $3.50, reduced from $5.00 and $6.00.

LADIES' COATS ALMOST GIVEN AWAY.

Every Coat and Cape made this winter. No old stock. all up-to date in style.
Ladies' Jackets in rough and plain cloth, velvet collar, part silk lined, $3.00, reduced from $7.00.
Ladies' Jacket in rough and plain cloth, black and brown, velvet trimmed, silk lined, first-class in every respect, $5.00 reduced from $10.
Girls' Reefer Jackets, 12 to 19 years old, in black, blue and green, trimmed with velvet and white pearl buttons, silk lined; no better coat sold at $12,00, reduced to $5.00.
Girls' Reefer Jackets in blue and black, 12 to 19 years old, trimmed with pearl buttons, up-to-date in style, $2.50, reduced from $5.00.

J. B. Messick,

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JACOB REED'S SONS,
CHESTNUT STREET---916, 918, 920, 922,
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Very Strong Reductions in all Departments. Many lines are selling for cost or less than cost. Suits as low as $5. Overcoats as low as $7.50. Especially heavy cuts in Boys' and Children's Clothing. Great opportunities in Furnishings, Hats, Shoes and Dress Details. Everything here must be sold.

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We close Saturday evenings at 6 o'clock.

Odd lots of goods brought to light by stock-taking are daily being sold at great bargains. Very many of these lots have been completly closed out, therefore an early selection is always desirable. Any of these article will be sold at all hours of the day.

Muslins—Get ready for your spring sewing and get ready early—Muslins never were cheaper.

Unbleached Sheeting, 9 rd wide, 4c.
Hill bleached, yard wide, 6c.
Fruit of the Loom, yard wide, 6½c.

Calicos—more new ones.

Light Shirtings, Standards, 3c.
Simpson's finest goods, 4½c.

Ginghams in extraordinary delusions???

Lancasters—5c per yard. 5 yards weigh 13 ounces.
Delusions—3c per yard, 5 yards weigh 11 ounces.
Averaging these goods 45 yards to the piece the difference is 1 pound, 2 ounces to the debit of delusions—it is extraordinary.

Silks—excellent quality.

Japanese Black, 24 inches wide; only about 300 yards in this lot; 39c instead of 50c.
China Silk, black and white, navy and white, the very newest effects, 50c and 75c per yard.

Linens—bleached damasks.

Extra heavy and fine, full two yards wide, in beautiful patterns at the lowest price ever reached—50c.

Towels—bleached Huck.

Knotted fringe, red damask border, good size—19c from 25c.
Knotted fringe, largest and finest huck, allwhite borders, 87½ from 62½c.

Toweling—pure linen crash.

10c grade for 5c.
12½c grade for 8c.

Crash Toweling—best quality

button, either pure white or unbleached, at 3½c from 5c.

Gloves—black cashmere.

All small sizes, 5½ and 6. 25c ones for 17c. Mochos all sold.

Underwear—ladies' wool.

A few drawers with no vests to match. For this reason will be sold at half price. White or scarlet. 50c from $1.
Oneita Combination Suits, white or natural wool, all subject to a slight imperfection in weave. 79c instead of $1.25.

Many bargains are here in our carpet rooms. Bring your measures and get a remnant at nearly half price.

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The Middletown Transcript

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MIDDLETOWN, DEL., JAN. 16, 1897

Local News.

Every body uses Bragdon's Poultry Remedy, it cures; 25 cents.

Small 2 lbs. chickens and under wanted by Green Bros., Odessa, Del

Its folly, to lose your poultry when the use of Bragdon's Poultry Remedy is guaranteed to you for 25 cents.

—WANTED—White woman for general housework. Must be good cook. Address B, Box 162, New Castle, Delaware.

—If there is any person to whom you feel dislike, that is the person of whom you ought never to speak.

The frame dwelling house owned by Eugene R. Pearce, at Cecilton, was sold at public sale Tuesday morning by R. C. Thackery, Esq. trustee, to Mrs. Ella Roberts for $555.

For Sale—20 Horse Power Engine and Boiler all complete with brass fittings; also large iron feed mill for sale for want of use; a Bargain at $125.00. Address J. T. Stoops New Castle, Del.

—Remember that J. F. McWhorter has a full line of carriage and agricultural Implements on hand

PROFESSIONAL CARD.—Dr. W. E. Barnard Surgeon Dentist, office same location, opposite the post office. All operations pertaining to dentistry guaranteed. Odontunder and Gas for painless extracting.

FOR RENT.—House and stable, recently occupied by J. B. Goff, on Main street. Possession given at once. Also house on Cass street, now occupied by Henry DeValinger. Hot and cold water. Apply to G. E. HUKILL.

—The marriage of Miss Helen Price of Delaware City, to Mr. Wm. Carpenter, of Port Penn, will take place, in the Presbyterian Church at Port Penn on Thursday at 2.30 P. M.

—The planet Venus is in conjunction with the moon and can be seen plainly in broad day light almost any clear day this month. It keeps close to the moon so is not difficult to find.

—Miss Evelyn Kibler, teacher of the St. Augustine Public School is having a festival and supper in the school, room, continuing two evening, last night and to-night, proceeds for the benefit of the school.

—There are three million unmarried men in the United States alone, yet from the way some girls make a dead set for one single masculine individual you would think that there wasn't another one in the whole world.

—Mrs. R. L. Price gave a teaparty last evening in honor of her sister, Miss Elila Hurn on the occasion of her birthday. Those present were: Mrs. Rice, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Price, Mr. and Mrs. Frank West, and Mr. Frank Bradley.

—Mrs. J. B. Bratton will go into the millinery business in the spring, having rented of Miss Martha A. Roberts the rooms now used as the office of Dr. W. F. Kennedy. Miss Maggie Echenhofer will be Mrs. Bratton's milliner.

—At a recent high school examination one of the written questions was: "What is the leading industry of America?" One of the youths wrote as his answer: "The manufacture of laws." And, strangely enough, this rising young statesman was reprimanded for "levity."

The widow of Wiliam T. Dougherty, the Wilmington fireman who was killed in a crossing accident in that city a few weeks ago, has entered suit for damages against the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company. John Biggs, Esq., is her attorney.

—The officers of Union Lodge, No 76 A. O. U. W. were installed on Tuesday evening after which the members and installing officers enjoyed an oyster supper at the restaurant of Mr. Harry Jones where were served some of the finest bivalves that were ever brought to Middletown.

—George W. Ingram, conveyancer, sold this week the farm of Mr. A. Ennis, in Thoroughfare Neck, below Blackbird, to James McCollum, of Indiana County, Pa. 150 acres for $2800 cash. Also the 111 acre farm of Miss Flinn, of Elsmere, situated in Thoroughfare Neck, to Wm. Downey, of Middletown for $1100.

—Miss Mary G. Haye, of Indiana, will be in town to-day and will give an interesting talk to the ladies of the town and community in the parlors of Mrs. G. W. W. Naudain at 2.30 o'clock this afternoon. Miss Haye is said to be a very accomplished and fluent speaker, and will, no doubt, entertain her hearers with a bright discussion of topics in which all American women are interested. The ladies are cordially invited to hear her.

—Mr. Wm. O. Shallcross had a painful accident last week. He was superintending the shipping of some cattle at the Wilmington station and fell into a sewer a distance of twenty feet or over, and was badly hurt, seriously injuring his back, but there were no bones broken, the published reports of a fractured hip to the contrary notwithstanding. He is at his home in Trenton, N. J. and according to a statement from his father-in-law, Mr. Richard Cochran, near town, is doing very well.

—Mr. William Wharton, of Wilmington started on Saturday for Los Angeles, Cal. having been summoned there because of the critical illness of his wife, nee Miss Mollie Banthram, formerly of Middletown. Mrs. Wharton, accompanied by her parents, went to California several months ago, her brother, Mr. John Banthram, having settled at Los Angeles some years ago. Her health seemed very much improved for a time, but recent dispatches give little hope of her restoration. Mrs. Wharton and her parents have many friends here who sympathize with them in their affliction.

—Mr. R. L. VanDusen, of Philadelphia, who went to Venezuela last September in the interests of the Welsbach Light Co., has returned home, and was in Middletown this week, a guest at Mr. J. C. Parker's. Though on business bent Mr. Van Dusen found much of interest in the people and country of the "triangular continent," his headquarters being at Caracas, the capital city of Venezuela. The killing of a tiger was evidently his most thrilling experience in the topics. He had business also in the West Indies, Trinidad being the principal place visited. He embarked for home on New Year's Day, and landed in New York last Sunday, after a very pleasant voyage. The change in the climate was very apparent when he reached the northern port.

—If you want blankets to put your horses in condition for the sale, we have them and will sell them to you in large lots at quantity prices. Wholesale & Retail.
J. C. PARKER.

—A poultry supper was given Thursday and Friday evenings at Armstrong's Chapel, by the Sunday School Association the proceeds for the benefit of the Chapel repairs.

—Jos. C. Jolls, W. S. Letherbury, J. A. Suydam, Geo. N. Dickinson, and Joseph Gary of the Uniform Rank, K. of P. attended the 29th annual celebration of the Wilmington Knights, on Wednesday night. They were in full uniform and made a fine appearance.

—The following officers of Middletown Council, No. 2, J. O. U. A. M. were installed by Past State Councilor Jones on Monday evening; Councilor, J. H. Burrows; Vice Councilor, W. E. Johnson; Asst. R. Sec'ry, Thomas Swartz; Warden, A. H. Suydam; Conductor, J. E. Ginn; Inside Sentinel, G. N. Dickinson; Outside Sentinel H. E. Kilpatrick. After the ceremony there were cake and cream and "talk," then cigars and more "talk."

—Miss Mabelle Taylor entertained the Infant School of the M. E. Church at her beautiful home on North Broad street Tuesday night. There were sixty-three bright little "Dew-drops" present, and they had the merriest of merry parties, the charming hostess and her young guests making as pretty a scene as the eye ever looked upon. Games, recitations and music were the chief amusements, the "kissing games" of ye olden times, being the favorites. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served and each little infant carried home an orange. One little politician got two. It was the prettiest and nicest party of the season.

—The house warming and dance given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Goff's removal to their new home at Warwick, Wednesday night was a very brilliant success. There were over one hundred guests present, and dancing was the principal amusement, the double parlors making a delightful dancing floor. The Middletown Orchestra furnished music. Refreshments were served at midnight after which dancing was resumed, continuing until the early morning hours. Every body present was in the merriest of moods and it was a very delightful party.

—For several months in the summer the TRANSCRIPT has a most delightful neighbor, the fact is our coolest window looks out upon "grandpa's" back porch and we are "goods friends." In the cold and fashionable winter this little friend lives with the far-famed beauties of the Monumental City. On Christmas eve she was one of the happiest recipients of beautiful gifts. Her's was a beautiful piano "To Helen L. Naudain from her uncle, Wm. C. Eliason." All Helen's little friends in Middletown join the TRANSCRIPT in congratulations.

—Mr. George Echenhofer and family, who expect to move to Philadelphia next week, have rented a commodious house at 1626 Vine Street where they will take boarders. Being centrally located they will undoubtedly be very popular with visitors to the Quaker City from this section who have heretofore regretted that they do not know of some nice, convenient boarding house where a good bed and a full meal can be procured. Mr. Echenhofer has lived in this community for a number of years. His father, Jacob Echenhofer in 1852 settled near Odessa, where he had a nursery farm. He was also the man who first introduced the Osage thorn in this neighborhood. There is much regret that Middletown is to lose a family so well known and so highly esteemed, and Mr. Echenhofer has the sympathy of many friends in the business reverses that have come to him in these later years.

Kabo Corsets.

Miss Taylor, one of the most expert corset fitters of the Chicago Corset Co., will hold a reception at our store all next week, to which every woman in the vicinity is invited. A special exhibit of the Celebrated Ball's and Kabo Corsets will be made during the reception. Miss Taylor will take great pleasure in fitting, without extra charge, every woman who visits our store next week with a corset that will be suited to her. She will explain the merits of the Celebrated Ball's and Kabo Corsets. They are made to sell at a popular price and fit like a glove; and are by far the most satisfactory corsets ever offered at anything like the price. In order to convince our customers of the merits of the goods, we invite you to come and be fitted, and if after trying them at home, you do not like them bring them back and get your money.
J. B. MESSICK.

For Money Rent.

60 acres of land, with ten roomed house, granary carriage house and stable, situated on the Levels, part of the estate of Samuel Warren.

I have also for sale 15 tons of clover and mixed hay, near Middletown, Clover at $10.00 and Mixed at $12.00.
Apply to
G. F. BRADY,
Middletown, Del

CHURCH CHIMES.

Rev. Dr. A. Smith, P. E. will preach ta the M. E. Church Tuesday night.

Mrs. Boole will give the closing address of her two week's evangelistic work in the M. E. Church to-morrow night, and will conduct the services throughout the day. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to hear her. Revival meetings will continue every night next week.

The extra meetings in the M. E. Church that have been in progress for the past two weeks have been well attended. Mrs. Ella A. Boole who has had charge of the services, is a very earnest and fluent speaker and her efforts, supplemented by the pastor's appeals cannot fail to do much good.

Bank Officials.

The Citizens National Bank at the annual meeting on Tuesday re-elected the old Board of directors, they are: Joseph Biggs, Jacob B. Cazier, Sewell C. Biggs, Andrew Woodall, Stephen Boyer, Richard Clayton, Charles S. Ellison, Nathaniel J. Williams and Geo. W. Lockwood, Joseph Biggs being chosen President and Jacob B. Cazier, vice President.

The People's National Bank elected the following directors last Saturday: G. W. W. Naudain, J. Frank Eliason, Thos. C. Cruikshank, H. A. Nowland, J. B. Foard, Geo. L. Townsend, Geo. M. D. Hart, R. T. Cann, Jr. Geo. F. Brady. The President and Vice President will be elected at the meeting of the Directors to-day.

Milford has a PublicLibrary with 75 share holders, 6 yearly subscribers and 17 magazine subscribers. The Library contains 1597 volumes, 30 of them added last year Receipts of last year were $91 from shares, dues and fines.

Joshua Russell, son of the late Elias Russel of Frederica, has returned after an absence of 15 years being mourned as dead. He started out to see the world and is said to have made a fortune in South Africa. His share of his father's estate of $22,000 awaits him.

PERSONALITIES

Little Lines About Men and Women and What They Are Doing.

(If you have been away on a visit, or have visitors at your home send us the news, send it early. What may seem of no interest to you, may be pleasing to some one else. We are always pleased to publish any items of personal or local mention and cordially invite our patrons to furnish us the facts.)

—Miss Annie Wilson is visiting her aunt Mrs. Annie Griffith.

—Mrs. Grey Davis, of Milford, is visiting at Mrs. Manlove Wilson's.

—Mrs. Wm. Houston returned home from Baltimore this week.

—Mrs. Mary North is very sick at her home at Mr. W. E. Evans, on Crawford street.

—Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Polk, of Greensborough, Md, are guests of Miss Helen Naudain.

—Miss Bessie Hinsley, of Camden, is visiting her sister Mrs. Wm. Wright on East Main Street.

—Mrs. Margaret A. Wright who has been quite ill for two weeks past, is somewhat better again.

—Misses Stella and Bertie Jones, of Wilmington, were guests of their sister, Mrs. Joseph Parsons this week.

—Mr. Leslie Schrietz and daughter Janet went to Baltimore on Saturday for a brief visit with relatives in that city, returning home on Monday.

—The Middletown M. E. Church will be the scene of one of those pretty church weddings Madam Rumor says about the middle of next month when Middletown will give one of her charming and best daughters to a worthy and well-known son of Sussex.

—Miss Emma Merritt returned from Still Pond, Md., on Monday having been in attendance at the funeral of Miss Mary Hepborn, her mother's cousin, who was one of the oldest residents of Kent county, Md., being 85. She owned and farmed the large farm on which she lived, and was a lady of considerable means, known throughout the community for her liberality and hospitality. She had been a member of the Still Pond M. E. Church for over 60 years.

THE LEGISLATURE.

The General Assembly met on Monday. In the Senate Messrs. Alrichs and Hanby entered their protest against the approval of the journal which undertakes to show that that body was properly organized. "Vote! vote!" grunted John Pyle and the protests availed nothing.

John Trickey Dickey gave notice of a bill to amend the law relating to the county treasurer and receiver of taxes of New Castle county. The intention is to strip the office of its political power which has been so abused by Dickey—for this purpose he was counted in over Mr. Cheairs, to do this dirty work and to vote for Willard Salisbury for Senator.

Reading Clerk Heuston of the Senate declined to serve and E. D. C. Hegeman of Laurel was chosen. The riot at Laurel in 1890 at the election will be recalled when the Republican officers were driven out or left the polling place and the Governor was urged to call out the militia. Hegeman was put in the polling place afterwards by the Democrats as the Republican Clerk. He is now a Democrat and an office holder. Verily!

Speaker Riggin on Monday announced the following committees.

Rules—J. H. Hopkins, Donaldson and Riggin.

Ways and Means—Martin, Johnson Taylor.

Elections—Hazell, Johnson, McCollough, Dempsey, and Smith.

Judiciary—Adams, Wilson, Dickey McCullough, Dukes.

Federal Elections—Dukes, L. S. Hopkins and Dickey.

Crimes and Punishments—Davis, Short McCullough.

Accounts—Johnson, Hazell, Donaldson.

Claims—McCullough, Adams, Thompson.

Constitutional Reform—Thompson, McCullough, J. H. Hopkins.

Agriculture—Taylor, Adams, Donaldson.

Municipal Corporations—Dickey, Hazell, Eliason, Smith, Davis.

Vital Statistics—Donaldson, Wilson Whitney.

Roads and Vacant Lands—Whitney, Dempsey, and Martin.

Fish, Oysters and Game—Eliason, L. S. Hopkins, Thompson.

Printing—Short, J. H. Hopkins and Dempsey.

Revised Statutes—Hazell, Wilson, Dukes.

Private Corporations—Smith, Davis, Taylor.

Divorce—McCullough, Eliason and Short.

Temperance—Wilson, Dempsey and Dukes.

Education—L. S. Hopkins, Smith, McCullough.

Enrolled Bills—Dempsey, McCullough, J. H. Hopkins, Martin, Davis, Thompson Whitney, Short.

Appropriations—Whitney, Short, Adams Johnson, Taylor.

Miscellaneous Business—L. S. Hopkins, Eliason and Martin.

Speaker Harrington of the Senate on Tuesday announced his committees as follows.

Corporations—Meredith, Pierce Fenimore.

Cities and Towns—Pyle, William T. Moore, Hanby.

Enrolled Bills—William T. Moore, Alrichs, John M. C. Moore.

Elections—Fenimore, John M. C. Moore, Pyle.

Accounts—John M. C. Moore, Meredith, Hanby.

Claims—Meredith, William T. Moore, Pierce.

Finance—Pierce, Pyle, Fenimore.

Judiciary—Alrichs, William T. Moore, John M. C. Moore.

Revised Statutes—Fenimore, Alrichs Meredith.

Agriculture—Hanby, Pyle, Pierce.

Printing—Moore, Fenimore, Alrichs.

Education—Meredith, W. T. Moore, John M. C. Moore.

Fish, Oysters, and Game—Pierce, Fenimore, Hanby.

On Tuesday a joint session was held at 12 o'clock noon to canvass the vote for Governor. The Democratic returns for Kent county were accepted throwing out nearly half the vote of that county. The vote recorded was:

For Ebe W. Tunnell	15,507
" John H. Hoffecker	11,014
" John C. Higgins	7,154
" Louis N. Slaughter	855
" Daniel Green	548

Chairman Hazel of the Committee on Elections summoned Sheriff Flinn to appear before the committee with all the ballot boxes of New Castle County. The object is to count the ballots. In the house there has been contention between the two factions all the week. Friends had to get between Chairman Hazel and Barney Saulsbury to prevent violence in open session. The boxes under the charge of Sheriff Flinn and four deputies went down on Wednesday and the General Assembly adjourned until Friday to allow the count to be made. There were four wagon loads and the task looked formidable but the anti-Dickey men said "we neither eat nor sleep until the task is finished." On Wednesday evening the committee met in the Levy Court room where were Sheriff Flinn and his deputies with the boxes. Chairman Hazel made demand for the keys and was refused. The sheriff had taken counsel and the Wolcott men learned that the ballots could be delivered only to the House upon the order of the Speaker. There was nothing to do but wait until yesterday for the meeting of the Legislature.

No legislation is thought of; only the election of Senator. It appears to be the field against Willard Saulsbury. It is any man's battle and the chances are that the caucus on Monday night will not decide the matter.

NECROLOGY.

MRS. MARY J. WOOD.
AGED 67 YEARS.

Funeral Monday, Jan. 18 at 2, p. m. Services at the house. Interment at St. Anne's P. E. Cemetery. No cards.

Mrs. Mary Jane Wood, wife of ex-postmaster William Wood, died of heart disease Thursday night. After retiring, at the usual hour, she felt severe pain in her left side, her arm also being affected. Her daughter thinking the trouble was from rheumatism tried to relieve her by bathing and rubbing the affected parts, after which she seemed more comfortable, but a short time after, near eleven o'clock, Mr. Wood observed her labored breathing and called his daughters, saying he feared she was very ill. A physician was summoned at once, but she was already dead when he came.

Mrs. Wood's maiden name was Mary Jane Hanson. She was the daughter of PeterHanson, and was born on the farm now known as the Dr. Godwin farm, which was the old home of the Hansons. She was married to William Wood, when she was eighteen years old, and if she had lived until February 15, they would have been married fifty years. Her husband was a successful farmer, for a long time farming one of Gov. Cochran's farms near town. Twelve years ago next March they moved to Middletown.

Mrs. Wood was a member of St. Anne's P. E. Church, and lived a very devoted christian life. Her home was for her a beautiful realm, and love was the scepter with which she ruled, and though life was not all as a summer sea, for she was acquainted with grief and sorrow, she had the anchor of God as her stay and rest. She was in the truest sense a helpmeet to her husband and her children's best friend and companion. Besides her husband three daughters, Mary, Alice and Clara, and one son, William, and one sister, Mrs. Cleaver, of Delaware City, survive her.

"Death is but a path that must be trod
If man would ever pass to God."

Henry V. Crawford.
AGE 63 YEARS.

Henry V. Crawford a prominent Cecil Co. farmer, died suddenly at his home near Sassafras, Md., Thursday morning of heart disease. He was in Middletown on Tuesday in his usual health, and the news of his death so soon after was a great shock to his many friends here.

They were shelling corn on Thursday and Mr. Crawford was at the barn superintending the work but not feeling well, soon returned to the house. As he came in his wife noticed that he had his hand over his heart and asked if he was in pain. He made indistinct reply and threw open his coat as if to give breathing room or get more air, and sat down in a chair near the fire, shivering as from cold, and in an instant life was extinct.

Henry Van Bebber Crawford was the youngest son of Wm. H. Crawford, and was born in Middletown at the old Crawford homestead, the present residence of Mr. John A. Reynolds. His father was a wealthy and influential farmer, having been educated for a lawyer; his mother, who was a second wife, was Miss Kittie Reading, a descendant of the Petersons and Van Bebbers, the early settlers of Middletown. Mr. Crawford thus had excellent advantages both by inheritance and environment. He was naturally genial and kind, and as a boy was a favorite with his young companions and when grown to manhood was one of the most popular young men of the neighborhood. During the war of the Rebellion he enlisted in the Confederate Army and saw several years service. When about forty years old he married Miss Margaret Price, one of Maryland's loveliest ladies known everywhere for her amiability and kindly deeds; their life together was an ideally happy one, their farm-house home was the abode of truest content, where hospitality and good cheer always held sway. Mr. Crawford was a man of very simple tastes, never given to display, and had said when he should die, that he wanted a plain funeral, and, having a premonition of sudden death, as he had for over a year been troubled with heart failure, desired that he be laid quietly to rest without unnecessary delay. In accord with this wish his funeral will take place this morning at 10.30 o'clock, at St. Francis Xavier R. C. Church. Mr. Crawford having espoused the faith of his wife after their marriage. He leaves one son, Charles, a young man of twenty and one sister, Mrs. Wilhelmina Mackey of Wilmington, also a half brother and sister, Mr. Benjamin Crawford, and Mrs. Annie Mackey. The stricken wife and son have many friends to share their sorrow.

James B. Moore.

James B. Moore, father of Postmaster, Wm. H. Moore, died at the residence of his son, Vinson Moore, near St. Georges on Monday, from paralysis, having received the fatal stroke on Thursday. He was in his 84th year and was a native of Dorchester County, Md., He came to this county when a young man and resided near McDonough until 1854 when he moved to the farm adjoining the one on which he died, near St. Georges, where he lived two years. In 1856 he went to Kent county, near Blackiston's and some years later bought a little farm near Salem Church. After the death of his wife he sold the farm and a year ago come to make his home with his youngest son. Though so far advanced in years he was quite active, his health and spirits holding out to last. His funeral was on Thursday, Interment at Blackiston's X Roads. He leaves four sons: They are: Wm. H., James F., John T. and Vinson Moore.

Public Sales.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 10th.—Entire stock of farming implements, household and kitchen furniture on Samuel Derrickson farm on road leading from Taylor's Bridge to Collins Beach by John Regener, D. P. Hutchison, auctioneer.

THURSDAY, Feb. 4th, 1897—Public Sale of Stock, Farm Implements, &c, by Wm. Taylor on his farm two miles west of Middletown. Mr. James Collins lives on the farm and has rented it for next year. L. W. Stidham & Son, auctioneers.

TUESDAY, Feb 16th, 1897—Public sale of Personal Property of M. G. Hutchison one mile east of Townsend on the road leading from Ginn's corner to Noxentown mill, D. P. Hutchison, auctioneer.

SATURDAY, Jan. 23, 1897,—C. J. Vandegrift, administrator of G. G. Smith, deceased, will sell the personal property at St. Georges at 10.30 a. m.

Unclaimed Letters.

List of unclaimed letters remaining in the Middletown post office which can be had by saying they are advertised: Joseph Magin, Rebecca Reeb, James Laws.

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DELAWARE CITY.

Mr. E. A. Stout is quite sick.

Roy Keane was home this week.

John Ubil was in Wilmington on Monday.

Miss Nellia Vail is visiting in Wilmington.

P. Cann, of Kirkwood, was in town this week.

Mrs. Thomas VanKirk is visiting in Camden, N. J.

Mr. John Warren was in Wilmington on Sunday.

Miss Irena Davidson is visiting in Philadelphia.

Miss Lidie Bradway spent Sunday in Philadelphia.

Malcolm Reybold, of Wilmington, was home Sunday.

Mr. Fred Brady, of Middletown, was in town this week.

Dr. Hulshizer, of Philadelphia, was in town on Friday.

Mr. Wm. T. Vail spent Wednesday in Wilmington.

Miss Bina Foard has been visiting in Philadelphia.

Mr. Harry White, of State Road, was in town on Wednesday.

Mr. George Davidson, of Camden, spent Sunday in town.

Mr. S. Worman, of Philadelphia, was in town over Sunday.

Mr. Alex Roxburg, of Wilmington, was in town on Sunday.

Misses Sarah and Mattie Janvier are visiting in Philadelphia.

Mr. Samuel Higgins, of Port Penn, was in town on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Vail were in Wilmington on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pancoast were in Philadelphia this week.

Mrs. F. A. Pennington spent a few days in Philadelphia this week.

The tugboat "I. J. Wister" broke the ice in the canal on Wednesday.

Messrs. Moore and Yearsley, of Port Penn, were in town on Wednesday.

Miss Mollie Boulden, of Chesapeake City, is visiting Miss Lidie Bradway.

The "Daughters of the King" met at Mrs. N. G. Price's, on Monday evening.

Miss May Thompson has been visiting Miss Lucille Martindale in New Castle.

A birthday surprise party was given Mrs. William Bright on Wednesday evening.

Miss Louise Reynolds, of Middletown, spent Sunday with Miss Gertrude Sadler.

Miss Caddie Evans and Miss Mary Poole, of McDonough, visited friends in town on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Price and Mr. and and Mrs. William Price attended the funeral of their aunt in Salem, N. J. on Wednesday.

Miss Agnes Vail has returned from a visit to her sister, Mrs. Caleb N. Price, near Chesapeake City.

Miss Mary W. Reybold and Mr. F. C. Warner, were married in the Presbyterian Church on Thursday evening at eight o'clock.

TOWNSEND TOPICS.

Miss Daisy Schwatka, of Crumpton, is visiting friends here.

Rev. A. T. Scott, of Wilmington, was in town on Wednesday.

Miss Asa Lynam, of Grove Point, is visiting relatives in and near town.

Mrs. Mary Wiswell, of Wilmington, spent Wednesday with Mrs. D. B. Maloney.

Herman Lilly, of Newark, has been spending a few days with L. L. Maloney.

We are glad to learn that D. S. Richardson who has been quite sick is gettiug better.

B. G. Lockerman and J. W. Atwell are both indisposed and confined to their homes.

The assessor has completed his assements for this hundred and the books are hung up for inspection.

Edward Hart and Miss Addie Reynolds were quietly married at Odessa on Wednesday evening.

The remains of the infant son of A. C. P. Reynolds, of Golts, were brought to Emanuel cemetery for interment on Thursday.

The extra meetings which are being held at the M. E. Church are increasing in interest. There have been several conversions during the week. Evangelist Conway, of Wilmington, is assisting the pastor. The Elder, Rev. Alfred Smith, will preach on Monday night.

CURRENT EVENTS.

The Roman Catholic Priests of Paris have been forbidden to attend theatres.

The so-called camel's hair brushes of commerce are made from the hairs obtained from the squirrel's tail.

More than one third of the 28,000 applications for patents in England last year for improvements in the bicycle.

There have been 34,600 lambs shipped to the Eastern market this fall from Reno' Nev., netting the shippers about $60,000.

A little copper box containing the ashes of Kate Field, was interred at Mt. Auburn cemetery, Cambridge, Mass. on Monday.

The new organ of the Church of St. Ignatius, San Francisco, weighs more than one hundred thousand pounds and has more than five thousand pipes.

The directors of one of the largest and most prosperous banks in Louisville chose for president last week a man who had begun life as a newsboy and who has made $250,000 in legitimate business.

Mrs. Mary E. Hobart, of Tacoma, Washington, who has written several books on finance, is an active and sanguine candidate for the United States Senatorship in that State. She is at the capital with a small body of supporters, who consider her the ablest "stateswoman" in the United States.

OLD SUSSEX.

A National Bank is to be organized at Delmar.

Georgetown has more stores to its size than any other town on the Peninsula.

Sheriff Shaw sold two valuable pieces of farm land in Dover last week. The farm of Jacob Brown was purchased by Edward M. Needles, for $10.000. Thomas A Weldin's a farm was sold for $2250 to George Mason.

Dean Swift's Cynicisms.

No wise man ever wished to be younger.

I have known men of great valor cowards to their wives.

It is a miserable thing to live in suspense it is the life of a spider.

Most sorts of diversion in men, children and other animals is an imitation of fighting.

If a man makes me keep my distance, the comfort is that he keeps his at the same time.

Very few men, properly speaking, live at present; but are providing to live another time.

We have just enough religion to make us hate, but not enough to make us love one another.

Some men, under the notion of weeding out prejudices, eradicate virtue, honesty and religion.

The chameleon, who is said to feed upon nothing but air, bath, of all animals the nimblest tongue.

The stoical scheme of supplying our wants by lopping our desires is like lopping off our feet when we want shoes.

If a man will observe as he walks the streets I believe he will find the merriest countenances in mourning coaches.

Augustus meeting an ass with a lucky name foretold himself good fortune. I meet many asses, but none of them have lucky names.

The latter part of a wise man's life is taken up in curing the follies, prejudice and false opinions he had contracted in the former.

What they do in heaven we are ignorant of; what they do not do we are told expressly—that they neither marry nor are given in marriage.

MIDDLETOWN MARKETS.

PRODUCE.

Creamery Butter, lb	25@27c
Country Butter, lb	20@24c
Eggs, doz	18@20c
Lard, lb	6@8c
Potatoes	20@25
Spring chickens	10c
Apples per basket	30c

GRAIN.

Wheat, No. 1, bus	93c
Wheat, No. 2, bus	90c
Timothy Seed, bus	2 00
Clover Seed, bus	5 50
Corn, yellow, bus	32c
Corn, cob, bus	24c
Oats, bus	22c

Notice--Dividend!

PEOPLES' NATIONAL BANK,
MIDDLETOWN, DEL.,
December 26th, 1896.

The Board of Directors have this day declared a dividend of two and one-half per cent. for the last six months, payable on and after Saturday, January 9th, 1897.
GEO. D. KELLEY, Cashier.

Notice--Dividend!

NEW CASTLE COUNTY NAT. BANK
OF ODESSA, DEL.,
January 6th, 1897.

The Directors have this day declared a Dividend of THREE AND ONE-HALF PER CENT, for the past six months, clear of Taxes and payable on and after the 13th inst.
JOS. L. GIBSON, Cashier.

Dividend Notice!

CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK,
MIDDLETOWN, DEL.,
January 5th, 1897.

The Board of Directors have this day declared a semt-annual Divided of THREE PER CENT., payable to the Stockholders on and after January 15th, 1897.
JNO. S. CROUCH, Cashier

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Other Departments added hereafter

SHERIFF'S SALE.—BY VIRTUE OF A Writ of Levari Facias, to me directed, will be exposed to public sale at the Court House, on Market street between Tenth and Eleventh streets, in the city of Wilmington, New Castle county and State of Delaware,

ON SATURDAY,
THE 30th DAY OF JANUARY, 1897,
at 2 o'clock, p. m.,

the following described real estate, viz:

All that certain lot of land with the building thereon erected, situate in the city of Wilmington aforesaid, bounded and described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at a point on the easterly side of Walnut street at the distance of 51 feet 9 inches northerly from the northerly side of Fourth street; thence easterly and parallel with Fourth street 20 feet to a point; thence northerly and parallel with Walnut street 23 feet and 8 inches to the northerly side of a 2 feet wide alley; thence westerly and parallel with Fourth street along said side of said alley 20 feet to the said easterly side of Walnut street, and thence thereby southerly 23 feet and 8 inches to the place of beginning, be the contents thereof what they may.

Seized and taken in execution as the property of Lewis Sasse, administrator of Emma Robb, deceased, mortgagor, and Ellen Williams, Catherine Connery, Levina Thomas, Elizabeth Sasse, Margaret Richenberger, Evans Shoemaker John R. Mills, Joseph Gould and Robert Mills, heirs-at-law of said Emma Robb, deceased, et'r's and to be sold by

WILLIAM R. FLINN, Sheriff.
Sheriff's Office, Wilmington, Delaware, January 14, 1897.

SHERIFF'S SALE.—BY VIRTUE OF A Writ of Levari Facias, to me directed, will be be exposed to public sale on the premises, near Middletown, St. Georges hundred, New Castle county, Delaware,

ON FRIDAY,
THE 29th DAY OF JANUARY, 1897,
at 3.30 o'clock, p. m.,

the following described personal property, viz, One New Star Separator, No. 20622, Truck and Stacker, all the fixtures belonging to the same, and one 12-horse Star Traction Engine, complete, manufactured by C. Aultman & Co. and purchased from them at their home through their agent, Francis Duggan. Also one Star Stacker and four-wheel Star Tank.

Seized and taken in execution as the property of John B. Spicer, Harry C. Spicer and Anthony A. Spicer, mortgagors, and to be sold by

WILLIAM R. FLINN, Sheriff.
Sheriff's Office, Wilmington, Delaware January 13th, 1897.

Read the Transcript

WANAMAKER'S. WANAMAKER'S.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, Jan. 11, 1897.

FAMOUS UNDERWEAR SELLING

This NINETEENTH HALF-YEAR SALE OF MUSLIN and CAMBRIC UNDERWEAR marks an epoch in underwear selling.

We have no patent upon methods, and January sales are now of country-wide occurrence. But only the abstract idea has been copied, and instead of great blocks of dependable goods being offered, these sales are apt to be of goods "made to sell." The January sale idea is merely to enthuse the shopper into buying goods that couldn't be sold by usual methods.

There are various "January Sales" in progress in Philadelphia now. Analyze the garments that are offered. In most cases the sizes are woefully skimpy; in others, the stocks are old—and that yellowish tinge to the muslin will never wash out during the short life of the tendered fabric. There are tricks in the making, too—that have saved maybe a yard of embroidery on one skirt. There never was a wider difference between the garments sold by other stores and the fresh, new, rural-made garments we offer.

The bulk of the muslin used in these vast new stocks went from the mills to the makers sixty days ago. It is new, fresh, good wearing—of varying fineness, as the needs for varied wear demand.

We shall pass all records in muslin underwear selling because we never sold underwear so well. And the selling space is greater by half than was needed even a year ago.

Night Gowns—

38c—Of muslin; double yoke back, yoke front with 36 fine plaits; ruffle at neck and wrist; full length. Not more than 3 to a buyer.

38c—Of muslin; yoke front; 42 fine plaits; double yoke back; turnover collar; sleeves finished with band; full length.

60c—Of muslin; front of 28 fine plaits and gathered ruffle of embroidery; turnover collar; sleeves finished with beading; full length.

65c—Of muslin; yoke of 36 fine plaits and 2 rows of insertion; double yoke back; sleeves and neck finished with embroidery; full length.

75c—Of muslin; front of 30 fine plaits and 4 rows of Swiss insertion; double yoke back; ruffle at neck and wrists.

85c—Of muslin; yoke of 32 plaits and 2 rows of insertion; double yoke back; neck and sleeves finished with embroidery.

90c—Of muslin; V front; deep embroidery and 12 fine plaits; double yoke back; neck and sleeves finished with embroidery.

$1—Of cambric; front of 30 fine plaits and 4 rows of lace insertion; neck and sleeves finished with lace-edged ruffle.

And so the list might run on and on, with French Gowns as high as $18.

Dressing Sacques—

60c—Of elderdown—solid colors or neat stripes—rolling collar; edges crocheted with zephyr; ribbon at neck.

$1—Of elderdown; the pretty new ripple effects; deep sailor collar; full sleeves; tight-fitting back; crocheted edges; ribbon at neck.

$1.50—Of striped elderdown; sailor collar, satin bound; very full sleeves; crocheted edges; ribbon at neck.

Wrappers—

$3—Of elderdown in solid colors; full sleeves; wide skirt; collar bound with satin ribbon; girdle at waist and ribbon at neck.

$3.50—Of elderdown—striped and mottled; sailor collar bound with satin; full sleeves; wide skirt; girdle at waist; silk frog and ribbon at neck.

Calico Dresses—

$1—Calico Dresses—light colorings; waist has yoke back and full front; rolling collar; skirt finished with deep hem.

$1.50—Dresses of standard prints in light colorings; double yoke front and back; deep collar, ruffled; wide skirt with gathered ruffle.

Chemises—

18c—Of Muslin; finished with ruffle. Not more than 3 to a buyer.

65c—Of muslin; pointed yoke of 25 plaits and insertion, yoke and neck edged with embroidery.

75—Of muslin; square yoke front and back; embroidery trimmed.

85c—Of muslin; pointed yoke of fine plaits and insertion; finished with beading and edging of embroidery.

$1—Of cambric; round yoke front and back, with insertion, beading and edging of embroidery.

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100 Children's Suits at $1.25, sold elsewhere at $2.00.
100 Children's Suits at $2.00, sold elsewhere at $3.00.
100 Boys' and Youth's Suits at $4, sold elsewhere at $8.00.
250 Fall Overcoats at $5.00 to $10.00, sold elsewhere at $10.00 to $15.00.
375 Men's Overcoats at $5 to $15.00; sold elsewhere at $10.00 to $20.00.
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LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS.

Volunteer Hose Company, meets first Friday night of each month in Hose House.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., JAN. 16, 1897

Of Interest To Farmers

THE CORN CROP.

It is probable that throughout the West this winter, thousands of bushels of corn will be used as fuel, and so long as the price in the producer's country remains in the vicinity of ten cents, it is certainly a cheaper fuel than coal. The Government crop reports gives 2,211,000,000 bushels, an increase of 60,000,000 bushels over last year, but this increase ought to be more than offset by the increased demand resulting from the foreign wheat failures. The greatest factory in keeping down the price of corn, is the scarcity of live stock for feeding purpose, a condition from which there is no escape. The next best thing however, is to give the stock on hand the best possible care, and all the feed they will take with profit—agood policy in other years as well ashis.

FARMERS TO REDUCE WAGES.

The farmers of Dorchester county, it is reported, propose to reduce the Md wages of farm laborers for the present year. The best way to reduce farm labor is to classify it; pay those, who are competent and reliable full wages and reduce those who are not reliable, or are incompetent. The most worthless farm hand, who loafs all winter in the towns and villages demands from the farmers in the spring, when farm labor is so much needed for the ensuing six month, as much per month, or per day as does the competent, and, it may be said, skilled farm laborer. In all other branches of business labor is classified and there is no reason why it should not be done in the labor on the farm.

SOWING CLOVER IN WINTER.

I aways obtain the best results by sowing clover in February or March, when the ground is frozen and looks like honeycomb and when there is no wind says a writer in "American Agriculturist." Then when it thaws the seed are all covered up in fine shape. I do not think I ever missed getting a stand when I followed this rule. I usually endeavor to use about one bushel on eight acres. A bushel to 10 acres will do if the land is strong, but the thinner the land, the more seed to the acre. Some wait to sow until the ground settles, harrow it, and then sow clover seed just after. They say that good for the wheat—to harrow it. That is something I have never tried but some do it every year and raise a good crop of wheat and get a good crop stand of clover and timothy, if they sow both. It is worth trying, at least, on a small scale.

CUTTING SEED POTATOES.

Upon no subject are farmers more prone to experiment and disagree than on the planting of potatoes. This seems to be the case also in England, France and Germany. The final conclusion of all work of this kind in France shows that the largest yield was produced by small tubers planted closely, but in most cases, the best yield was produced from one eye piece planted in rows instead of in hills.

STARTING A HOTBED.

In northern climates it is not desirable to start hotbeds for the home garden before the middle of February, as it requires too much care to keep them in satisfactory condition during very cold weather, yet if one can give the proper attention and has a sheltered location, it may be worth the trouble to begin even in January. A hotbed made thus early should be sunk into the ground about 18 inches, so that the seedbed proper will come about to the level of the ground or even a little lower Then there must be ample provision for covering the sashes during colds nights, and make every possible effort for giving the young plants all the sunshine there is. Radishes, lettuce, beets and spinach may be raised very easily in such a bed, but it would be too early for raising plants to be transplanted to the open ground, as they would grow too tall before the proper season for transplanting arrives.

Tenant Farming in Great Britian is much more general than supposed by many. Out of nearly 33,000,000 acres of cultivated land in '95, nearly 28,000,000 were occupied by tenants.

THE MORTGAGE.

A mortgage makes a man rustle and it keeps him poor. It is a strong incentive to action, and a wholesome reminder of the fleeting months and years. It is fully as symbolical in its meanings as the hourglass and scythe that mean death. A mortgage represents industry, because it is never idle night or day. It is like a bosom friend, because the greater the adversity the closer it sticks to a fellow. It is like a brave soldier, for it never hesitates at charges nor fears to close in on the enemy. It is like the sandbag of the thug—silent in application but deadly in effect. It is like the hand of Providence—it spreads over all creation, and its influence is everywhere visible It is like the grasp of the devilfish—the longer it holds the greater its strength. It will exercise feeble energies and lend activity to a sluggish brain, but no matter how hard debtors work the mortgage works harder still. A mortgage is a good thing to have in a family—provided always it is in so mebody else's family.—Truth.

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Richmond is the nucleus around which has gathered a halo of national history One of the principal cities of the early times, it rose to remarkable prominence a the Capital of the Southern Confederacy. Is contains many historic points and monuments to many men famous in American history.

Washington is now attired in its richest and most attractive vestments. The social season is on, and ball succeeds ball in a brilliant maze of fashionable etiquette.

Tickets for this tour, including transportation, meals *en route* in both directions, transfers of passengers and baggage, hotel accomodations at Old Point Comfort, Richmond, and Washington, and carriage ride about Richmond—in fact every necessary expense for a period of six days—will be sold at rate of $35.00 from New York, Brooklyn, and Newark, $34.00, from Trenton, $33.00 from Philadelphia, and proportionate rates from other stations.

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Apply to ticket agencies, Tourist Agent, 1196 Broadway, New York, or Geo. W., Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

Two Weeks in Florida.

To see Florida is a pleasure; to visit it is a privilege; but to spend a fortnight within its borders is an epoch. There is a great satisfaction in witnessing the ripening of tropical fruits in their own native land, and a peculiar joy in wrestling with old ocean's waves when lakes and rivers at home are all icebound. One appreciates the wonders of modern invention and railroad development upon leaving the neighborhood of good skating one day and finding himself in the vicinity of good bathing the next. Yet this can be done, and the man who prefers hunting or fishing will take his accoutrements along with him, for Florida extends a cordial invitation to all sports men.

Whoever would exchange for two weeks the uncertain climate of the North for the delightful and Spring-like sunshine of Florida should take the personally-conducted Jacksonville tour of the Pennsylvania Railroad which leaves New York by special train January 26. Excursion tickets for this tour, including railway transportation, Pullman accomodations (one birth), and meals *en route* in both directions while traveling on the special train, will be sold at the following rates: New York, $50.00; Erie, $54.85; Phila., $48.00; Canandaigua $52.85; Wilkesbarre, $50.35; Pittsburg $53.00 and at proportionate rates from other points.

For tickets, itineraries, and other information apply to ticket agents, tourist agen at 1195 Broadway, New York, or to Geo W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad street station, Philadelphia.

Three-Day Tour to Washington.

Washington at present is the cynosure of all eyes; not only because it is the Nation Capital and of the interest which attaches to the deliberations of Congress, but the brilliant Presidential reception on New Year's Day formally opened the season of fashionable festivities, and it has now become the great social world. Receptions, dinners, balls follow each other with bewildering rapidity.

The state of the Cuban question and the possibilities of Congressional action is also claiming attention, and the never-dying interest which attaches to the many departments of the Government is attracting its usual number of visitors.

The three-day personally conducted tour of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, which leaves New York January 21, affords the best opportunity of visiting the National Capital at this season. The party will be under the care and guidance of an experienced tourist agent, and the programme in Washington has been prepared with an accurate knowledge of the location and best time to visit each of the principal points of interest.

Round trip tickets, including railroad transportation in each direction and accommodations at the best Washington hotels, will be sold at the following rates: From New York, $14:50; Trenton, $13.75; Atlantic City, $12.75; Pottsville, $14.30, Philadelphia, $11:50, and at proportionate rates from other points.

Apply to ticket agents, Tourist Agent, 1196 Broadway, New York, or Geo. W. Boyd, Astistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

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For the benefit of those who desire to attend the ceremonies incident to the inauguration of President-elect McKinley, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets to Washington March 1, 2 3, and 4, valid to return from March 4 to 8, at the following rates:

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Our Woman's .....Column

THE Arab tribes count bad cooking on the part of a wife, sufficient cause for divorce, and the modern civilized American male is not so different from the Arab at least that is the opinion of one woman, Mrs. Howe, who gave a great lecture recently on "The way to a Man's Heart." She said that man's principal objection to the higher education of women was that it would interfere with his meals, and it was only when he found that studying and cooking could go on together that his agitation could be calmed.

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WORTH NOTING.

The women who are hardest on others are generally the ones who ought not to throw stones.

It is strange that some really noble natures cannot stand the sight of other people's happiness.

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Just before Christmas all the old toys of the children of the German Emperor and Empress are mended and sent to various poor children and to the children's hospitals. Nothing is ever wasted in the imperial household, and the children are not allowed to be extravagant with their toys. In fact they have fewer playthings that most children of good position, and they find their greatest pleasure in their pet animals.

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"The Baltimore Herald" tells a good story of Bishop Parret (Episcopal), of that city. Some time ago he was the guest of an Episcopal family in West Virginia. Learning from the Bishop that he liked hard-boiled eggs for breakfast, his hostess went to the kitchen to boil them herself. While so engaged she began to sing the first stanza of the hymn "Rock of Ages.' Then she sang the second stanza, the Bishop, who was in the dining room, joining in. When it was finished there was silence, and the Bishop remarked:

"Why not sing the third verse?"

"The third verse ?" replied the lady, as the came into the dining room carrying the steaming eggs; "oh! that's not necessary."

"I don't understand," replied Bishop Parret.

"Oh! you see," she said, "when I am cooking eggs I always sing one verse for soft-boiled and two for hard-boiled.

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TALKING TO BABY.

One is always expected to say something when looking for the first time on a new baby, and as it is neither kind nor safe to tell the truth and say that the little, red, pudgy creature doesn't look like anything, we give a list of unpatented and uncopyrighted remarks to be used on such occasions. "Well, isn't he cunning? He looks like you!" "I think he's going to look like his father!" Hasn't he dear little fingers? Do let me me see his dear little toes!" "Isn't he large?" "Isn't he a tiny darling?" "How bright he seems!" "Did you ever see such a sweet little mouth?" "Isn't he just too sweet for anything?" Any and all these remarks are warrented to give satisfaction.

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What a blessing it would be to humanity if women would take more pains to become acquainted with the proper food necessary for the physical requirements of their families and the right method or cooking the food, says another notable woman.

That cooking is an art will not be acknowledged until women realize that, to be a good cook, means more than merely to be able to prepare a few palatable dishes and dainty tidbits; that it takes years of study and practice to understand the culinary art theoretically and practically is as yet scarcely apprehended. Great results would be achieved if women would pay as much attention to the education of their daughters in domestic affairs as they do in more ornamental directions. Very often they spend large sums of money in having their daughters educated in professions for which they have neither inclination nor talent. Thus they spend time and money foolishly which could be used to a better advantage in teaching them what is necessary for their welfare and happiness.

Nearly every girl hopes to marry some day and have her own home. But how is she going to conduct her home if she knows nothing? Can a musician conduct an orchestra if he has not studied music? or can a man run a locomotive if he knows nothing of engineering?

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New Castle	8 27		3 03		7.06	
State Road	f 8.33		f 3.08		f 7.11	
Bear	f 8.38		f 3.13		7.16	
Porter	8.45			4.51	7.22	
Kirkwood	8.50		f 3.22		7.28	
Mt. Pleasant	8.59		f 3.31		f 7.36	
Armstrong	f 9 03				7.40	
Middletown	9 08	11.50	3.40	5.16	7.46	12.39
Townsend	9 17		f 3.48	5.25	7.54	
Blackbird	f 9.22		f 3 52		f 7.59	
Gr'n Spring	f 9.27		f 3 58		f 8.05	
Clayton	9 33	12 07	4.05	5.37	8.10	12.57
Smyrna LV	9 23	11.57	3.52	5 27	8.00	
Brenford	f9.38		f 4.10		f8.15	
Cheswold	f9.43		f 4.15		f8.21	
Dupont			f 4.18			
Dover	9.58	12.23	4.25	5 56	8.31	1.16
Wyoming	10.05	12.29	4 31	6.02	8.37	a 1.24
Woodside	f10 11		f 4 37			
Viola	f10.15		f 4.41			
Felton	10 20	f12 40	4.46	6.14		a 1.38
Harrington	10 32	12.53	5.02	6.24		1.50
Farmington	f10 40	a 1.00		f 6.32		
Greenwood	f10.48	a 1 07		f 6.40		a 2.14
Bridgeville	10.56	f 1.15		6.49		
Cannons	f11 01			f 6.54		
Seaford	11 11	1.26		7.02		2 28
Laurel	11.22	f 1.36		7.13		f 2 39
Delmar	11.32	1.46		7.24		2 56

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NORTHWARD.

	EXP. A. M.	MAIL A. M.	EXP. A. M.	MAIL A. M.	EXP. P. M.	PAS P. M.
Delmar	11.08			8 00	3.26	5.45
Laurel	f 11 21			8.10	3.36	5.56
Seaford	11.34			8 24	f 3.46	6.10
Cannons				f 8.31		f 6.18
Bridgeville	p 1.48			8 37	f 3.57	6.25
Greenwood				f 8.45		f 6.33
Farmington				f 8.53		f 6.41
Harrington	2.22		8.05	9 06	3.18	6.52
Felton	2.32		8.14	9.16	f 3.28	7.01
Viola			f 8.18	f 9.20		f 7.05
Woodside			f 8.22	f 9 24		f 7.14
Wyoming	2.44	f7 00	f 8.29	9 31	f 3.36	7.16
Dover	2.50	7 05	8.35	9.38	3.45	7.23
Dupont		f7 10				
Cheswold		f7.16		f 9.48		f 7.32
Brenford		f7.21		f 9.53		f 7.38
Smyrna LV		7.16	8.42	9 49	3.52	7.27
Clayton	3.06	7.26	8.52	9.59	4.02	7.41
Gr'n Spring		f7.30				f 7.46
Blackbird		f7.36		f10 08		f 7.52
Townsend		7 41	9 06	10 13	4.15	7.57
Middletown	3.29	7.51	9.15	10.23	4.24	8.06
Armstrong		f7.55				f 8.16